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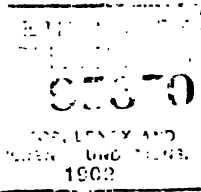
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## THE DETROIT CONVENTION.

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*Editor of THE CRESCENT* :—In response to your kind invitation, we will endeavor to transfer to your pages some notes of the Convention, as from time to time we jotted them down in our journal.

When on Tuesday evening, the 18th, we stepped across the threshold of the Russell House, we were wan and weary, our hair plentifully sprinkled with Michigan cinders, and our classic countenance veiled in the blackest of Michigan dust. But physical fatigue and discomfort were quickly forgotten in the cheery smile of fraternal welcome, and the hearty, earnest, manly shake of hands clasped in Delta grip. The numerous animated groups of Delta Taus scattered about the hotel lobby were satisfactory evidence that the Twenty-sixth Convention would be a success in numbers and in spirit. All were happily engaged; some in gathering and binding together the broken threads of past intimacy; others weaving the golden strands of noble, disinterested friendship; and still others earnestly discussing the questions to be submitted to the delegates for deliberation and decision. It was a late hour when the last enthusiastic Delts had reluctantly broken their happy circles and sought the repose which comes alone to the righteous.

The early morning of Wednesday saw many additional arrivals,—Pi's delegation of eleven coming through Canada from Buffalo in their special coach; while a number of Pennsylvania and Ohio men sailed across Erie's "unsalted sea" from Cleve-

land. When the gavel fell at 11 o'clock, and Bro. Cook called the convention to order, over seventy Delts crowded into the hotel parlors to witness the opening session. A truly representative gathering it was. The Divisions were represented in almost equal numbers,—chapters Pi, Mu and Delta, with eleven each, leading the chapter delegations. It was decidedly to be a convention of the younger members of the fraternity, Grove, Day and Ritezel being the only “wheel-horses” of the olden time observable, and they by association deserve to be numbered among “the boys.”

After prayer by Bro. Magruder, the usual committees were named. The Committee on Credentials soon announced that thirty-five accredited delegates were present from twenty-one chapters, and that five additional chapters were represented by proxy. It was decided to substitute a steamboat excursion for the regular banquet, and the Committee on Arrangements was instructed to make the necessary preparations.

The hotel parlors proving too small for the accommodation of the Convention, and inconvenient for the rapid transaction of business, Wednesday's afternoon session was called in an elegant and commodious society hall in the Abstract Building, where all the remaining sessions were held.

The business of this session was mainly routine, listening to chapter and committee reports, and the like. The Committee on Arrangements announced that the steamer had been chartered, and all preparations made for the excursion. At 4 o'clock the entire Convention embarked, and sailed away on the broad bosom of the mighty river. Here was opportunity for intimate association, and advantage of it was taken. The boys mingled freely,—took possession each of the other, so to speak. It is a curious, a marvelous study—the frank trust and confidence which fraternity men place in the manhood, the honor and the fidelity of other men, hitherto unknown, perhaps, even by name or reputation. Doubtless it would be an astounding but unavailing revelation to those mighty men of mammoth intellect who imagine themselves to be doing the Lord's work in opposing the growth of the fraternity system. But to our story. While the

boat was gliding swiftly up the river, the college and fraternity stories were told, and the college and fraternity songs were sung. What if some peculiarly antique and mouldy chestnuts were cracked open. What if some rather patriarchal jests were cruelly exposed to the merciless cynic. There were other stout, hearty, able-bodied jokes which clambered on deck amid shouts of ringing laughter. What if some of the songs were flat, stale and unprofitable. There were other strains that smote the mystic chords of memory, that, trembling with harmony, swept us back into the charmed, the golden circle of ne'er-to-be-forgotten college days. Thus, amid fun that sometimes grew riotous, enjoying the conversation of wit and wisdom and friendship, mingled doubtless with tender, almost sad recollection, we sailed far above the city, then turning, passed below and landed on the Canadian side. Here we had supper ;—and what a supper ! Would we had the wizard touch of a Howells to do it justice *on paper*. Though all else sink into the gulf of oblivion, that supper will ever loom up, spectre-like, above the horizon of our memory. Suffice it to say that mine host remained the beaming owner of a large pot of shekels and heaps of alleged edibles, uneaten and uneatable.

With undiminished spirits the boys gathered on the wharf, and there “in the gloaming” pranced through a stag dance. Then the long line of warriors wound in and out, through the serpentine mazes of the now famous Choctaw “walk around,” to the weird chant of wah-ne-ho-o-wah-ne-ho. With three cheers and a tiger we again embarked, leaving the untutored and barbarous Kanucks in convulsions of amazement and terror. Steaming up the river, the city was reached at a late hour, and the excursion was over, each Delt protesting that it was thoroughly enjoyable, and an agreeable change from the stiff and formal banquet.

Thursday's morning session was exclusively devoted to the presentation of the new Ritual, by Mu's committee of nine. For this purpose the Detroit Commandery tendered the use of their hall. The new Ritual is a strong, impressive work, the

result of years of thought and patient toil on the part of its author, Bro. Curtis, Mu, Astoria, Oregon. Thursday afternoon the Convention got down to hard work in fine style, and the calendar was rapidly cleared. Alpha, Mu and Delta were reelected Grand Chapters, and Omicron was chosen Grand Chapter of the Fourth Division. The charters of Chapters Lambda at Lombard, and Tau at Franklin and Marshall, were unanimously withdrawn. A committee of twelve alumni was appointed on Alumni Organization, with power to act. The new Ritual was conditionally adopted. The Council was ordered to investigate the condition of several chapters and their respective colleges. A number of constitutional amendments were adopted; and the Catalogues remaining unsold were ordered distributed among the chapters, each being debited with a number in proportion to the size of its chapter list. These were some of the more important heads of business settled.

The Literary Exercises were held in Whitney's Opera House, on Thursday evening, and consisted of the following

PROGRAMME.—*Music*—March, "King Karl," Faust. *Invocation*—Rev. Washington Gardner, Mu, '70, Kalamazoo. *Music*—Overture, "Pique Dame," Suppe. *Address of Welcome*, S. S. Babcock. *Response and Address*—by the President, W. W. Cook, Delta, '80, New York. *Music*—Flute Solo—Capriccio, A. Terschak. *Oration*—"What may we Justly Demand of Our Colleges?" Prof. J. H. Grove, Mu, '70, Delaware, Ohio. *Music*—"Delta Tau Delta Waltzes," (Ms.) W. A. McAndrew, Delta, '86, Ypsilanti. *Poem*—Our Mother in Purple and Grey," H. W. Collingwood, Iota, '83, read by C. W. McCurdy, Iota, '81. *Declamation*—"King Lear," Charles Krichbaum, Psi, '83, Canton, Ohio. *Music*—Waltzes, "Where the Citrons Bloom," Strauss. *Benediction*.

Mr. Babcock's welcome to the Convention, in behalf of the citizens of Detroit, was charmingly extended, in warm, eloquent and graceful language. Bro. Cook's address was a clear, trenchant, and profoundly analytic exposition of the aims, the rights, the purposes and the influences of the American College Fraternity. It is an address well worthy the careful study of fraternity men, the well informed of whom will not fail to appreciate its just and admirable statements, and its many telling hits on some of the evils of the system. Professor Grove's oration was masterly in its treatment of one of the great questions of the day,

and was eagerly followed by every thoughtful mind in the house. Bro. Collingwood's poem and Bro. Krichbaum's declamation, received the hearty applause of the delighted audience. In short, every feature of the programme was clean-cut, polished and enjoyable.

Friday morning's session was, to a great degree, occupied in clearing away the remnants of routine business. Many reports were read and accepted. THE CRESCENT was placed under the care of the Council, to be published and edited by some alumnus or alumni. Curtis was elected President, and Trautwein, Secretary, of the next Convention; the balance of the programme being left to the discretion of the Council for satisfactory reasons. Plummer and J. B. Ware were elected to the Council, of which honorable body Day will officiate as President, and Ware as Treasurer, during the ensuing year. Amid many regrets, the Convention promptly adjourned, without day, at 12 M.

The Fraternity was fortunate in the selection of Detroit as the place of convention. With her clean, handsome business streets, her stately avenues, bordered with superb residences, and above all, her noble and majestic river, Detroit is a city of surpassing beauty and interest. The theatres, the base-ball park, and the excursion boats, gratified the desires of the pleasure seekers. The weather was delicious, being delightfully cool and clear during almost the entire time of the session. Friday morning broke with a violent thunder storm, which, however, lasted but a few hours, and left the atmosphere brighter, more charming and inspiring than before. The city press was exceedingly courteous, and published the proceedings at length,—the *Post*, in particular, devoting two columns to the literary exercises, and printing the entire list of attendants. The proprietors of the Russell House made an unprecedented reduction from their regular rates, and did all in their power to make the boys at home.

Amid such surroundings, with such an enthusiastic, wide-awake crowd of men, how could our Detroit meeting fail to be a glorious success—one to be placed high on the roll of Delta Tau's greatest conventions.

Very fraternally,

RYMERTON.



### THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO THE CONVENTION.

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THE Address of Welcome was made by Samuel S. Babcock, Esq., a prominent member of the Detroit bar, who spoke in a most pleasing and happy strain. He declared that when called upon to assume the task, his mind naturally reverted to the late visit of the Mexican editors, when the Hon. Thomas W. Palmer delivered an address of welcome in Spanish. He had considered whether an address in Latin, or perhaps, better still, in Greek, would not have been proper upon the present occasion ; but on mature deliberation had decided to say in good old Anglo-Saxon, "Welcome." So he bade the society welcome to Detroit. Although not the seat of the State University, Detroit nevertheless, takes a great and kindly interest in the cause of higher education, and is always glad to see within its walls representatives of the college youth of the land ; it loves literary men and literature, and rejoiced that the young men of to-day were able to grow up with more learning than their fathers could acquire. Mr. Babcock recalled his own college days at Oberlin, which were somewhat suddenly cut short in the early days of the war, for what he at the time thought would be for a few weeks only, whereas, as a matter of fact, it closed his college career for ever. Although not a fraternity man himself, he assured the visitors of his entire sympathy with the purposes which called them to Detroit, and hoped that at some future time the Fraternity might again decide to convene in his city. He remarked, jocularly, that he hoped that those members from outside do not believe all that the newspapers say about Detroit ; the papers were more apt to draw attention to the naughty things of which Detroit is guilty, than to present the many good things of which the city has every reason to be proud ; he, for one, was anxious that they carry back to their homes none but the most favorable and pleasant impressions of the city.

Mr. Babcock concluded his remarks by reading the following lines, which he had prepared for the occasion :

To " Delta Tau Delta " I am asked to extend  
A warm word of welcome, the " grip " of a friend ;  
To say to its members, who are met here to-day :  
We are glad you have come, and we hope that your stay  
Will afford you the pleasure and profit you seek,  
And will bring us the good-will we kindly bespeak.

From the warm, sunny south-land, whose love we desire ;  
From the base of the " Rockies," whose summits aspire  
To touch the high heavens ; from the East and the North,  
We welcome you all, as equals in worth :  
May your numbers increase, and the work that you do  
Be helpful to those who shall come after you.

We trust the young men who are now in the field  
For the honors and profits our colleges yield,  
Will be wiser than we, whose heads have grown gray,  
And will profit by what we did in our day ;  
Will set our successes and errors apart,—  
By the latter be warned, from the former take heart.

Some lessons we learned were sad ones indeed—  
Lessons for which there had never been need,  
Had there been more ties of the fraternal kind,  
Binding our hearts, as yours, they so lovingly bind,—  
For brothers in love cannot enemies be,  
Since the good that's in each they so readily see.

But the past is the past, and with loving regret,  
We elders remember its " April showers " yet ;  
And we're glad from our hearts, as we greet you to-day,  
That the storms we have faced cannot darken your way :  
Let the battles we fought in your memories live,  
And your love to the warriors equally give.

Your union is more than the union of men  
Joined by a few simple strokes of the pen,—  
'Tis a union which brings man closer to man,  
And thus forms a part of the Great Architect's plan,

For making love stronger than passion and greed,  
For bloodshed and war, abolishing need.

Then cherish your love for the "Purple and Gray,"  
Grow purer and better, as years roll away.  
Let your sons, and their sons, taking pattern from you,  
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THE new management assumes control of THE CRESCENT with a full appreciation of the magnitude of the trust, and a determination to command and deserve the confidence and approval of the Fraternity. The change from under-graduate to graduate control, was made in deference to the wishes of a large number of alumni from whose ranks must come, in turn, that increased support and patronage which is absolutely essential to the financial success of the journal. The publication of THE CRESCENT in a large city, involving an additional expense of more than one-third, places upon the shoulders of the Editors a vastly increased burden of care, of labor and responsibility: a burden which can be carried only with the generous, open-handed assistance of every frater, whether in or out of college halls, who realizes the importance, the necessity, of making our organ a worthy representative in the brotherhood of Greek journalism, and a true exponent and mirror of Delta thought and spirit and principle. This shall be our first, last and only appeal, in these pages, to the Fraternity, and with full faith and belief that it shall not have been made in vain, we send forth the first number of Volume Nine of this our CRESCENT.

NEXT month we expect to publish in full Bro. Cook's Address to the Convention. Those who had the pleasure of hearing it at Detroit, will agree with us that it is eminently worthy of publication, and our readers can look forward to a literary feast of an excellence rarely offered in the pages of a fraternity journal.

EACH recurring Convention makes it more evident that the convention chapter reports are fast becoming an unmitigated nuisance, and an almost intolerable bore. The manner in which these reports are received manifests the truth of our plain statement of the case. Many of the delegates become very prominent by reason of their absence, while those who remain sink into the most profound reveries, or assume a look of listless indifference, amounting almost to mental paralysis.

Here is a vigorous demand for reform and a wide field of action. We cordially invite some of our skillful organizers to here concentrate their attention, and devise some scheme of relief, whereby these reports can be made profitable and enjoyable. We, ourselves, have the crude outline of a plan, which, when fully developed, will be offered to the consideration of the Fraternity. We are ready to entertain any suggestions which may assist in bringing order out of what is now chaos, and hope the brothers will not be diffident in putting their ideas on paper, for the general good of the fraternity.

OUR enthusiastic Convention correspondent has clearly tinged his report with the tints of rosy dawn. Yet, in truth, there is some excuse for his rhetorical fireworks, and much reason for congratulation and satisfaction with the Convention, and the work accomplished. The meeting was not sectional, but national. Every division was represented, and well represented. Delegates were present from the Tennessee mountains and the prairies of Iowa and Illinois. The valleys of Pennsylvania and Ohio sent their quota; while many came redolent with the breath of the sad sea waves. The appearance, the culture, the thought, and the action of representative men of widely separated chapters could be observed and studied. Without doubt, the fraternity is rapidly growing up to a common standard in more ways than one. The business was deliberately, conscientiously and methodically transacted. Socially, the Convention was an unbounded success. The literary exercises were excellent beyond measure, and if presented to a small audience, it was because of an unfortunate misunderstanding in sending out the invitations to the residents of the city. Sitting in judgment on the Convention as a whole, we heartily join in pronouncing it one of Delta Tau's greatest and best.

OUT of a delicate consideration for the feelings of our readers, we have this month generously curtailed the space usually allotted to the exposition of alleged editorial ideas, or more properly, hallucinations, on fraternity questions and kindred topics. Lest you, kind readers, too quickly congratulate yourselves, permit us now to say, that in all succeeding issues, we shall deliberately, wickedly, and with malice aforethought, use every inch of our space in the frank and free discussion of methods and measures wherein and whereby we believe the Fraternity can be made better and stronger and nobler.



## The Greek World.

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JUDGE ISAAC H. MAYNARD, Second Comptroller of the Treasury, is a  $\Delta K E$ ; General John Meredith Read, Jr., ex-Consul General at Paris and ex-Minister to Greece, is an  $A \Delta \Phi$ ; John S. Wise, Republican candidate for Governor of Virginia, is a  $B \Theta \Pi$ ; James Q. Chenoweth, First Auditor of the Treasury, is a  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ; James G. Blaine is an honorary member of  $\Delta K E$ ; David A. Wells, the eminent political scholar, is a  $\Delta \Gamma$ ; Charles Kendall Adams, President of Cornell, was once a  $B \Theta \Pi$ , but resigned to join  $\Psi \Gamma$ ; ex-Governor William D. Bloxham, Minister to Bolivia, is a  $\Theta \Delta X$ ; Andrew D. White, ex-Minister to Germany and ex-President of Cornell, is a  $\Sigma \Phi$  and a  $\Psi \Gamma$ ; J. Walker Fearne, Minister to Roumania, Servia and Greece, is a  $\Delta K E$ ; Theodore Roosevelt, the New York politician, is an  $A \Delta \Phi$  and a  $\Delta K E$ ; President James H. Smart, of Purdue University, highly spoken of for Civil Service Commissioner, is an honorary member of  $\Sigma X$ ; Governor George Hoadly, of Ohio, is a  $B \Theta \Pi$ , and Judge Joseph B. Foraker is a  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

THE Forty-sixth Annual Convention of  $B \Theta \Pi$  was held at the Lindell Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., August 26, 27 and 28, 1885, and was the first convention of the fraternity held west of the Mississippi; Ex-Governor B. Gratz Brown, of St. Louis, President. The attendance was small, and the *Beta Theta Pi* says "It was, to a noticeable degree, a western convention both in *personnel* and feeling." Granted a charter to the University of Texas, and refused three other petitions. The banquet was held Friday evening at the Lindell Hotel, Mayor Francis, of St. Louis, presiding; and, in addition to numerous toasts, the Convention Poem was read by Mr. Dabney Marshall. The next convention will be held in Cincinnati, O., in August, 1886.

THE fraternities at Cornell are  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $Z \Psi$ ,  $K A$ ,  $A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Delta \Gamma$ ,  $\Delta K E$ ,  $\Theta \Delta X$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ , and  $\Psi \Gamma$ . The ladies are represented

by  $K A \Theta$  and  $K K \Gamma$ . All seem to be in flourishing condition, though  $Z \Psi$  might seemingly spare a little time from sporting matters, with advantage. The Dekes at Cornell are perhaps hardly up to the standard of that worthy fraternity. Kappa Alpha is composed of wealthy men. Delta U and Psi U have fine chapters.  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $A \Delta \Phi$ , and  $\Theta \Delta X$  are well represented by good chapters. New York Alpha of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , lately reëstablished, has a fine body of alumni, and was fortunate in securing five of the strongest men in the late Senior class.—*The Shield, of  $\Phi K \Psi$* .

$\Delta K E$  has granted a charter to petitioners at the Central University of Kentucky, Richmond, the chapter being established June 9, 1885, with fifteen charter members. The chapter was christened the Iota—the name of  $\Delta K E$ 's dead chapter at the Kentucky Military Institute. It is said that ex-Governor James B. McCleary, a  $\Delta K E$ , having a son in the new chapter, has given \$1,500 for a chapter house. The other fraternities there are  $A T \Omega$ ,  $\Sigma A E$  and  $\Sigma N$ .  $\Delta K E$  makes no secret of reëstablishing herself in the South.

THE recent Convention of Southern  $K A$  placed the control of its journal with the Chi of Vanderbilt, with Prof. J. H. Leigh as editor, and confirmed crimson and gold as the standard colors. Arrangements were made for the publication of a catalogue by the Rho chapter of South Carolina University. The attendance was large and enthusiastic, and the convention was in every sense a success, and highly creditable to this young but vigorous and growing Southern fraternity.

THE Ohio Alpha of Phi Delta Theta was reëstablished at Miami University, Saturday evening, October 3, 1885, with eight charter members (one sophomore, six freshmen and one prep.)  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Sigma X$  were founded at Miami, and  $A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Delta K E$  and  $\Delta T$  also had chapters there during the former existence of the college, but  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is the only one who has revived, although some of the others hope to reënter soon.

"OH ! girlies, how can I ever adequately express my appreciation of the lovely token you sent me? I was never more surprised, never more pleased, than on opening that little box. I found within what I had so long wished for—a *Delta Gamma pin*; and that, too, the loveliest one I have ever seen."—*Delta Gamma Anchora*.

THE *Beta Theta Pi* is authority for the statement that *Z Psi* has reëstablished her chapter at the University of North Carolina; and has founded a chapter in the Case Scientific School, Cleveland, Ohio.

THE fraternities of Wabash College have the following membership and are named in the order of merit:  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 22;  $\Sigma X$ , 7;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 6;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 12;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 4.

THE Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of  $\Delta K E$  meets with the Gamma Phi of Wesleyan at Meriden, Conn., October 21 and 22, 1885.

THE Twenty-first Convention of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  meets with the Sigma Deuteron of Lafayette, at Easton, Pa., October 26, 27 and 28, 1885.

$\Delta \Phi$ ,  $Z \Psi$ ,  $\Delta \Psi$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $\Phi K \Sigma$ ,  $A T \Omega$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $X \Phi$ , and  $\Sigma X$  are represented at the University of Pennsylvania.

THE fifty-first annual convention of  $\Delta T$  meets October 22 and 23 with the University of Rochester chapter.

RAINBOW,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $K A$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Sigma A E$ ,  $\Sigma X$ ,  $K \Sigma$  and  $B \Theta \Pi$  are found in the University of Texas.

TWENTY-TWO of the fifty-seven active chapters of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  are in the South.

$\Phi K \Psi$  and  $X \Psi$  have revived their Cornell chapters.

## Chapter Letters.

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### Xi—Simpson.

XI, although few in numbers, opened the year auspiciously. Four of our last year's number were of class '85, which left us only five to begin the year with. We have initiated two men whom we are proud to introduce to the fraternity,—Bros. Herbert A. Youtz, of Commerce, Iowa, and Ernest H. Thornbrue, of Denison, Iowa. Bro. Youtz is a freshman, and a good student; Bro. Thornbrue is the instructor in penmanship in the College. Our chapter closed the last year's work with the seventh annual banquet and formal dedication of chapter hall on the evening of June 22. Twenty-seven loyal brothers, with their ladies, were present, and, after listening to the literary programme, adjourned to the Central House, where the banquet was spread. It was one of the most enjoyable occasions, and the most truly representative gathering of the brothers in the history of the chapter.

Our college is greeted with an increased attendance this year. Plans are being rapidly pushed forward for the erection of another building. Bro. E. M. Holmes, '80, was elected to the chair of Hebrew and Greek, and is now filling that position. Bro. Holmes graduated at the Garrett Biblical Institute, and is accounted one of the ablest men of the Conference.

Xi has her share of college honors. She is well represented on the staff of the *Simpsonian*. Bro. E. B. Osborn is editor-in-chief, and Bro. S. L. Van Scoy financial manager.

### Zeta — Adelbert.

ZETA sends a greeting to all her sister chapters. Allow us to introduce to the fraternity Bro. Gabriel F. Smith, '88, who was initiated the latter part of last term. We commence the year with six men,—three seniors and three sophomores. With the men we have pledged, we think the outlook for Zeta is

brighter than ever before. '89 is the smallest class that has entered Adelbert for some time, numbering only fifteen men.  $\Delta K E$  has brought out four men, and  $B \Theta \Pi$  three. On account of our letter not appearing in the June CRESCENT, no account of our annual banquet reached our friends. It is sufficient to say that it was an improvement over last year's, and was highly enjoyed by the alumni and visiting brethren.

#### Beta Beta—De Pauw.

THE University opened with an attendance of about 550 students. The McKim Observatory, Music Hall, the Ladies' Boarding Hall and the Gentlemen's Boarding Hall were occupied for the first time at the opening of the year. Dr. John Clark Ridpath resigned his position as Vice President and Professor of History and Political Philosophy at commencement. Dr. John P. D. John was elected Vice President, but Dr. Ridpath's chair remains vacant. Prof. Alma Holman has resigned her position as Professor of Modern Languages, and Col. James Riley Weaver,  $\Phi K \Psi$  (Allegheny, '63), ex-United States Consul General at Vienna, Austria, has been elected to the position thus vacated. The other new members of our Faculty are as follows: William W. Martin, A.M., B.D.,  $\Phi N \Theta$  (Wesleyan, '74), Professor of Theology; Samuel S. Parr, Professor of Didactics and Principal of the Normal School; Henry A. Mills,  $\Delta T \Delta$  (Albion, '76), Professor of Painting and Dean of the School of Fine Arts; Rena A. Michaels, A.M., Ph.D.,  $A \Phi$  (Syracuse, '74), Professor of Italian and Spanish; Wilbur V. Brown, B.S., (Stevens, '80) Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Henry B. Longden,  $\Delta K E$  (De Pauw, '81), Assistant Professor of Latin; Emma S. Howe, Professor of Voice Culture. In addition to the above, there are several new instructors.

Our chapter began the term with seven enthusiastic Deltas; since then we have initiated two members of '89: Frederic F. Friedley, of Madison, Ind., and David A. Stevens, of Terre Haute, Ind., who have proved themselves worthy of the "Purple and the Gray." We have two fine men pledged in the Preparatory School. Bros. McNutt and Paul will not be in college

this term, but will be with us next term. Bro. Wimmer is one of the captains in the Military Department; and Bro. Norton is President of the Adelpian Society. During the summer the resident members were pleased to entertain Bro. Trautwein, of Rho, and Bro. Edwards, of Beta Eta. Since college opened the chapter was glad to have Bro. Plummer, of Alpha; Bro. Will Crose, formerly of '86, and Bro. John Stevens, formerly of '88, visit us. By careful selection and good work, we hope to sustain our high standard, and enjoy another year of fraternal harmony.

#### **Alpha—Allegheny.**

OUR college opened this fall with an increased attendance and a much better class of students from which to choose. Unexpectedly a number of last year's actives did not return, leaving our membership at the opening but two. Two pledged men, however, were immediately initiated, and before this letter is in print probably two or three more names will be enrolled. The chapter is by no means weak, however, as we have a large resident membership, ever watchful for our welfare. Two of these have joined the chapter and at least two more will take an active part. Our initiates are Ned. A. Flood and James A. McClurg, both brothers of Deltas of the same name.

Our rivals in College are in fair condition; the chapter of Phi Gamma Delta is probably as prosperous as any of them. We still hold our magnificent suite of rooms, and intend to give many pleasant social events through the term.

#### **Psi—Wooster.**

WOOSTER UNIVERSITY opened her doors on the 16th of September. The opening address, on "Conscience," was delivered by Pres. S. F. Scovel to a large and appreciative audience. The number of new students is larger than any year previous. The Music Department has brought many young ladies into our midst, who pursue a partial course in college along with their music. Our Faculty has been greatly strengthened by the addition of ex-President Taylor, who has been appointed Dean of the

Post-Graduate Course and Professor of Biblical Instruction. The Board of Trustees has done away with the system of tutoring in the Preparatory Department, thus taking a step in the right direction. The fraternities have not been idle in the few weeks of school. No less than ten men rode Greek goats on the night of the 3d. Of these,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  got six, mostly from the Preparatory Department.  $B \Theta \Pi$  has initiated one,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  three,  $\Phi K \Psi$  three,  $\Sigma X$  two.  $\Delta T \Delta$  saw but two men she wanted, and here they are: W. S. Bowman, '89, Irwin Station, Pa., and T. L. Aughinbaugh, '89, East End, Pittsburgh, Pa. Bro. Bowman took the history prize last year. Psi is very strong this year; with a membership of sixteen, a strong body of alumni to urge us on, and a willing spirit among us to advance, our future is bright.

#### Beta Theta—University of the South.

HAVING met with so much encouragement and hearty good wishes from the Fraternity in the matter of our chapter house, we now ask them to rejoice with us. All things have gone prosperously and well, so that at last we are in possession of a handsome little frame building, comfortable, convenient and substantial, and withal pretty enough to be very proud of. Should any Delta hereafter wish to take a ramble "among the Tennessee mountains," Beta Theta will engage to give him a right royal welcome.

Nor was the dedication of our hall without its peculiar fitness. Our first meeting was near the mystic hour, one night before the house was entirely finished. Beta Theta had just scored a victory, and we were gathered there with only such paraphernalia as was absolutely necessary, but before we left we clasped the hands of three new Deltas: Bros. L. D. Weiss, L. F. Butt and L. H. Mettair. Since then we have initiated Bro. F. E. Cole, of Texas.

Since our last letter, our commencement has come and gone, and Delta Tau Delta was not overlooked by the blind goddess. Four medals, one cup, and a half interest in another fell to our share, and since then two more medals have gladdened our

hearts. The happy recipients are Bros. Wright, Dashiell, Tucker, Mettair and Crocket, and the awards have been for declamation, oratory, essay, and general excellence in societies. Two out of four orators on commencement day were Deltas, and we have now the presidents of both our literary societies, and three out of six editors of the *Cap and Gown*, including the editor-in-chief.

Our rejoicing has not, however, been untempered by sorrow, for we have lost some of our best men. Bros. Hall, Riddell and Harris, old and tried fellows, who have been with us from the very first in adversity and prosperity, graduated in the Theological department, and are now at work in different places in Tennessee. Bro. S. G. Smith has left us to go to West Point, and Bro. Finney will leave shortly for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Yet with all these losses, we start on a new year with a strong chapter of seventeen men, and hope to accomplish much, in such ways as we can, in the next twelve months: at any rate we'll try.

#### Theta — Bethany.

THE college opens this year with most flattering prospects of a very pleasant and profitable session. Though about the same number of new men have come among us as in former years, there seems to be a much larger per cent. of first-class material than for several years previous. Prof. Thompson, lately of Eureka College, is making himself very popular with the boys, and will add considerably to the strength of the Scientific Department. Prof. Epstein (Greek, Hebrew and Arabic) is a graduate of Vienna University, Andover Theological Seminary and Columbia College. He is a Russian by birth, and was for many years a Jewish Rabbi, and preached in Thessalonica in modern Greek. He is a man of very superior education, and gives promise of making his department of great value. Prof. Woolery, President *pro tem.*, is a most acceptable chairman, as he is greatly loved by all the students.

Theta is booming. We have nine men, all first-class workers. On the last evening of the last collegiate year, at a special



meeting, we welcomed three new brothers: W. J. McClure, C. C. Cherryholmes and Sherman Kirk. Bro. J. A. Rice, of Pierce, Ohio, came into the chapter about a week since. Bro. S. M. Cooper, a former strong man of Theta, is back with us this year. Glad to have him back. Bros. King and Phil. Pendleton were with us a few days, while at home attending a reunion of the President's family. The former returns to his pastorate at New Albany, Ind., and the latter goes to Florida to spend the winter.

#### **Beta Eta—University of Minnesota.**

WITH us here at the University of Minnesota the year opens well. An addition of five instructors and of one hundred and twenty-five new students gives a stronger and steadier swing to the work of every department. Additions have been made to the curriculum of studies, and the hours of recitation are increased to seven—five in the forenoon and two in the afternoon. The new buildings which for some time have been developing in the brain of our Board of Regents, have matured so far as to get on paper in specified shape and dimensions. Some of them have been located, and will begin shortly to loom up in wood and stone. The greatest obstacle to further building at present is the Northern Pacific Railroad, which persists in laying its track through the University property, within two blocks of the main college, in spite of the injunction of the Court. A long war in the Supreme Court is already well under way.

A body of one hundred and twenty-five students naturally gives plenty of work to the fraternities. There is, perhaps, more of sharp competition in the way of persuasive button-holing and of right-down solid manœuvering than ever existed here before. The main argument of the Chi Psis, which are at present rather weak in numbers and otherwise, is their alumni. The inducement offered by the Phi Delta Thetas is their numbers. The local frat., the Theta Phis, have for their inducement that several of their members are instructors in the institution, and that members are free to join any other fraternity at any time,—as free, in fact, as though they belonged to no fraternity. The

only inducement our fraternity has to offer a candidate is our Catalogue and the common-sense and get-up of our local members. It is rather early in the season to predict which of the above list of inducements has the most effect. We may say this much for ourselves, however, that the *prospects* are blossoming well.

#### Upsilon—Rensselaer.

UPSILON begins this year with the best prospects she has ever known. The year was begun with eight members, but in a short time our membership was increased to twelve, by the addition of three members of the class of '89, and Bro. Finney of Chapter B Θ. Bro. Asserson was obliged to leave this year, but will return next fall. Bro. Gunn of the class of '87 has been elected president of his class ; the office includes the presidency of the *Transit* board of editors. A new course has been added to the curriculum of the Institute this year, which confers the degree of B. S. The want of a course like this has long been felt, and it is thought it will attract a number of students to the Institute who want a liberal scientific education. Upsilon takes pleasure in introducing Bro. Paul Bigelow, of New Haven, Conn., Chas. A. Raht, of Philadelphia, Penn., and Allan McLane Maury, of New York City, of the class of '89.

#### Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

CHAPTER Mu entered upon this college year with ten active men. Since the term began, we have initiated into the brotherhood one worthy the name of "Brother,"—Will. G. Hornell, '89. The number of new students this year is not nearly so large as last year, and the number of available fraternity men is proportionably less. Yet, for all that, Mu has not been inactive, and at some near future date the result of our labors will be manifest. We naturally miss our six seniors and other fraters, who went out from us last year ; but, while we are seemingly few in number now, we believe we are able to fight a good fight. We have not forgotten yet that it is possible "for one to chase a thousand, and two to put ten thousand to flight."

While the Board of Trustees of this College were holding their annual meeting here last commencement, an effort was made by the non- and anti-fraternity men of the school, to have the fraternity system at the O. W. U. forever abolished. A petition signed by 125 men, comprising all the leading non-frats and anti-frats, was presented to the Trustees and Faculty by two of the opposing party, who were renowned for their Ciceronian eloquence. Yet, with all their efforts, the appeal was almost unheeded both by the Trustees and the Faculty ; and so to-day the fraternity system is much more firmly rooted in the Ohio Wesleyan University than ever before.

During the East Ohio Conference of the M. E. Church, which just closed at this place, we were favored with the presence of Revs. J. C. Jackson, Sr., D. Y. Murdoch, W. P. McLaughlin, G. P. Austin, B. F. McElfresh, and M. M. Kugler,—all enthusiastic alumni of Delta Tau Delta.

#### Omicron—University of Iowa.

THE opening of the term found us with eight active members, four seniors, two juniors, and two sophomores—Bros. Hoag and Harper, of '88, failing to return. We have initiated five men : Chas. Keyes, Des Moines, and E. R. Nichols, Luana, juniors ; E. V. Mills, Elkader, and Julius Lischer, Davenport, sophomores ; and W. F. Summers, Ottumwa, freshman. We took three of these away from our rivals, and feel highly elated over our success. We have one more good freshman pledged, and can easily obtain the remainder of the men we desire, notwithstanding we have four rivals. The position Omicron has won in this institution, and the strong alumni we have sent forth, enable us to be much more conservative in choosing our men than we have ever been before. We feel complimented in receiving the Grand Chaptership of the Fourth Division, and will endeavor to transact the business connected with the position in a prompt and business-like manner. In order that we may do so, we request the secretaries of this division to be prompt in remitting all reports and dues.

The university is very prosperous this year, more material for fraternity men entering than for several years past. The chapters of the other fraternities represented here appear to be in good condition, but we will defer individual mention until our next letter.

#### Delta—University of Michigan.

COLLEGE is once more open, and with bright prospects we are determined to make this the most successful year in Delta's history. We begin with eleven of the members that were here last year, having lost four by graduation, while Bros. J. A. McDonald and Prescott have left us, but will probably return for the second semester. Bros. Swartout from Epsilon and Breck from Iota have entered the Law department, and we understand there are others here but they have not yet given us a call. We have initiated two men, and will soon add two or three more to our list of members. Bros. Prescott, Guild and Pitts have spent a few days with us. We are entirely refurnishing our new chapter house and have completed the work on the parlors, in which we take no little pride.

The college never before was in as good condition nor began a year with as fair prospects as at present. The class of '89 is the largest that ever entered the university and contains some good men. Representatives from the nine leading fraternities here met in our parlors on the evening of October the 13th, and decided to revive the Fraternity Juniors' Hop, which in the past was the leading social event connected with the institution. Our representative on the *Palladium* this year is Bro. E. F. Saunders.

#### Eta—Buchtel.

THIS fall finds eight good, enthusiastic men, to whom the banner of Eta is entrusted and who are ready to do anything honorable to aid the cause of Delta Tau. Let any one visit our meetings and be convinced. There is not much movement in fraternity circles as regards Delta Tau and her rivals, as not

many new students came this fall, and the field was well gleaned before. Kappa Kappa Gamma has initiated three of her choice and Delta Gamma five. Will Hugill, formerly of Buchtel, '86, has entered the senior class at Cornell. Bro. Warrens is with his father, Captain Warrens, located at Fort Vancouver, W. T. The senior class has decided upon representation on commencement day, and has elected three members to represent it. It is not known whether this action will be accepted by the Faculty or not.

#### **Nu—Lafayette.**

LAFAYETTE has now been open for more than a month, and the great wave of excitement having "rolled by," we are able to calmly survey the field and narrate the results of our campaign. The Freshman class is not quite up to the average standard of excellence either in men or in numbers. Hence, there has been more than ordinary activity among the fraternities to capture the available material. Pardon the egotism, but we believe Nu has kept pace with the best of them. Starting out with Stenger, '86, Ensor, '88, and Palmer, '88, we have succeeded in adding to our ranks three Sophs, R. K. and H. M. Morton and William McKeen, with one from '89, E. B. Camp, a brother of A. B. Camp, N, '84. In addition to these we have several others in view with fair chance of securing them, and feel on the whole encouraged with the prospects of the year's work.

#### **Beta Kappa—Colorado.**

THE opening of our college year found four Deltas back in their old places,—Bros. Glover, Chase, Mason and Thompson. We are more enthusiastic than ever in the cause of the Fraternity and we are full of new plans for the good of the chapter. Bro. Pease returned, October 6, from Atlantic City, Wyoming, where he has spent the summer with a surveying party. Bro. Noxon is daily expected here from his home at Idaho Springs. Brother De Long of the Xi, a friend of the Bros. Stidger, made Boulder a visit recently, and was present at our last meeting. We are beginning to carry out a plan for furnishing and

decorating our chapter hall ; we shall probably soon be able to make it a more attractive place to show to visiting brothers as our Delta home. We anticipate a pleasant and successful year.

#### Rho—Stevens.

THE first important change in the constitution of the faculty of Stevens Institute of Technology, since its organization in 1870, has been made in the past summer. Last June, Professor Robert H. Thurston, who has been from the beginning at the head of the department of Mechanical Engineering, accepted a flattering offer from Cornell University, as Director of Sibley College of Mechanical Arts, whose affairs during the last few years appear to have been neglected, and which needed for its head a man of Professor Thurston's energy and executive ability. Knowing it would be difficult to find in the engineering profession a man competent to succeed Prof. Thurston,—few engineers being teachers as well—the Trustees, at the almost unanimous request of the alumni of Stevens, invited Professor De Volson Wood, formerly Professor of Mathematics, to fill the chair so unexpectedly made vacant. This duty Prof. Wood has accepted. He begins his work with a rich store of engineering information, the highest mathematical attainments, an intimate acquaintance with the department and its needs, and a great personal popularity. On account of severe illness during several months past, he has not, however, been able to take his new charge until a few days ago. Up to that time his place was filled by Mr. Wolff, '76. The Trustees invited Prof. J. Burkitt Webb, late Professor of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Mechanics at Cornell University, to take the chair vacated by Prof. Wood's transfer. Prof. Webb comes to us as a brilliant mathematician, and every way fitted for the position. The transfer of Assistant Engineer C. A. Carr, U. S. N., to other duties, has necessitated another change, and pending the assignment of another naval officer, Bro. F. E. Idell, '77, was requested to act as instructor in mathematics.

Notwithstanding these changes, everything is progressing smoothly at the Institute. It has evidently entered upon a

prosperous career. There were eighty applicants to the freshman class, the most promising fifty of whom were admitted. The other classes received additions to their ranks, some of whom are graduates from other colleges and scientific schools. The freshman class is a very promising one, especially as compared with its immediate predecessor : this fact all the fraternities here fully appreciate. We hope in due course of time to fill our ranks with a good delegation from that class. We already have the pleasure of introducing Bro. Arthur Lee Shreve, of Baltimore, Md., as one of these delegates. We began the year with seven undergraduate members, three seniors, three juniors, and one sophomore, and have a strong local alumni list to support us in all our undertakings. We look forward to a prosperous year, hoping to accomplish much in the way of internal improvement, which we will submit to the Fraternity through the *Rho Chronicle*, which will enter upon its seventh volume, and in the publication of which, Upsilon will be associated with us. We are fully represented on the college journal, *The Stevens Indicator*, and with the Chi Phi and Theta Xi, and the neutrals, will publish the twelfth volume of our annual, *The Eccentric*. At a recent meeting of our athletic association, the only student enterprise here that involves what may be called college politics, Bro. Ed. P. Mowton, '85, was elected President and member of the board, and Bro. R. N. Bayles, '87, Treasurer ; Bro. Bayles is also President of his class.

In the affairs of the Alumni Association, our chapter is fully represented ; A. E. Humphreys, '81, was, in June, elected President ; A. P. Trautwein, '76, Corresponding Secretary, and Bro. F. E. Idell, '77, Director ; in fact, for more than six years the Deltas have been prominently identified with the alumni interests of the Institute.

With perhaps only one exception, our rivals are flourishing. Theta Xi, Beta Theta Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Phi, Chi Psi, and Sigma Chi are now represented here, but there being about 200 students enrolled, there is abundant material for all.

**Omega—Iowa State College.**

AFTER a "sub-rosa" existence of ten years, Omega has at last been recognized by the Faculty, and is now in a more promising condition than for a number of years. The chapter at present numbers nine active members, all of whom rank high in class work, and are in good standing with the President and Faculty. This number will be increased to twelve,—our limit this year. We have been allowed a hall to meet in, and next year will have a permanent one assigned us. The society proposes to fit this up at an expense of from \$200 to \$250, and active arrangements are being pushed with that in view.

**Beta—Ohio University.**

THE campaign of 1885 has opened in earnest, and finds all the boys of Beta deeply engaged in the work of the year except Bro. Hunter, who graduated in June, and Bro. Gabriel, whom ill-health has detained at home. Bro. Strickland will return in the spring term, to graduate with '86. We take pleasure in presenting our first initiate,—Bro. D. W. Williams, '88, Oakhill, O., Beta, throughout the year '84-'85, took the highest grades in literary work and scholarship, and hopes by faithful endeavor to maintain the high standard attained. We are small in numbers, but the spirit of Eversole, Scott and Townsend still goes marching on.



## Alumni of Delta Tau Delta.

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### Nu — Lafayette.

'82, Orrin Serfass was admitted to the Bar of Northampton Co., Pa., in July last, and has his office in Easton.

'82, Dr. Wm. A. Seibert will open office in Easton, November 1, when he shall have fulfilled his engagement as Home Physician at the Homœopathic Hospital, Boston, Mass.

'82, Dr. M. J. Bliem was married September 10, at Cleveland, Ohio, the home of the bride, Miss Louise Yost. He will be found "at home" in Chicago, after November 1.

'84, Wm. H. Woodring was admitted in August to the Northampton County Bar, and is located in Easton.

'85, John E. Fox is a student-at-law in the office of Wise & Gilbert, Harrisburg, Pa.

'85, M. T. Hines is teaching at the Kenyon Grammar School, Gambier, Ohio.

'85, B. V. Somerville is on the State Geological Survey, and located at Scranton, Pa.

'85, A. B. Vandevander is a student-at-law in Savannah, Georgia.

'86, E. F. Gray is one of an engineer corps located at Hazelton, Pa.

### Psi — Wooster.

'85, J. L. Lee is attending Allegheny Theological Seminary, Pa.

'85, E. C. Downing is reading law in Wooster, Ohio.

'82, J. A. Gordon, first honor man of '82, is preaching in Crook's Town, Minn.

'83, Chas. Krichbaum is studying law in Canton, Ohio.

'84, H. M. Kingery has been elected to the Latin Chair in Emporia College, Emporia, Kansas.

'83, J. C. Sharpe is Professor of Latin and English in Shady Side Academy, Shady Side, Pittsburg, Pa.

'84, J. M. Fulton is at the North-Western Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.

'83, D. C. Hanna will graduate this year from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.

'83, R. C. Vaneman is Professor in a college at Grove City, Pa.

'83, C. O. Johnson has entered upon his second year in Allegheny Theological Seminary, Allegheny Pa.

'88, Lister Pomerene has entered Soph. at Princeton.

#### Upsilon — Rensselaer.

'82, A. E. Deal is now employed with the D. L. & W. R. R., at Scranton, Pa.

'82, Fred. Rosenberg is still on the Pennsylvania Railroad, situated at Philadelphia, Pa.

'84, M. P. Quintana is now in Brooklyn, intending to leave for Cuba in a short time.

'84, Frank Spearman is in Steubenville, Ohio, in charge of iron works.

#### Omicron — University of Iowa.

'81, E. J. Cornish and Judson L. Wicks are in the law business, the former at Omaha, Neb., and the latter at Creston, Ia.

'82, A. J. Craven practices law at Helena, M. T.; George N. Seidlitz practices medicine at Keokuk, Iowa, and Fred. O. Newcomb is one of the principal grocers at Shell Rock, Iowa.

'83, Charles W. Haller is practicing law at Omaha, Neb., and S. B. Howard is in the same profession in Minneapolis, having abandoned journalism. W. H. Martin enters the field vacated by Brother Howard, and will work for the *Iowa State Leader*, of Des Moines.

'84, J. T. Chrischilles is in mercantile business at Algona, Iowa, but will enter the law soon. T. J. Hysham reads law at Fairfield, Iowa; Chas. W. Russell is in business at Glenwood, Iowa, while Chas. Thayer is in Chicago pursuing his study of medicine.

'85, Fred. E. Pomeroy reads law in Red Oak ; Carl H. Pomeroy is Professor of History in Callanan College, Des Moines ; Chas. L. Powell is principal of schools at Menlo, Iowa ; Joel W. Witmer is Secretary of the Riverside Printing Co., Des Moines, in which he owns a large interest ; Grant Marquardt is one of the partners in the extensive wholesale jewelry establishment of G. W. Marquardt & Sons, Des Moines ; and John M. Read, formerly '86, but '85, law, is practicing his profession in the same city.

#### Alpha — Allegheny.

'82, C. M. Snyder is rapidly attaining journalistic prominence on the Pittsburgh (Pa.) *Dispatch*. His poetical effusions are copied by many of the prominent dailies

'82, J. D. Watson is city editor of the Pittsburgh *Dispatch*.

'82, M. J. Hovis is engaged in the oil-producing business, at Clintonville, Pa.

'84, H. W. Plummer, having passed his examination before the Appellate Court, has been licensed by the Supreme Court of Illinois to practice in all the courts of that State.

'85, W. E. Rice has been practicing law in Warren, Pa., since July, 1885.

#### Xi — Simpson.

'76, F. B. Taylor has disposed of his interest in the *Indianola Advocate-Tribune*, and is the Democratic nominee for County Superintendent.

'84, F. L. Davis is taking a post-graduate course at the Kansas State University.

'79, C. W. Fisk is attending Rush Medical College, Chicago.

'79, O. E. Smith is principal of the Monroe Schools.

Of the class of '84 graduates, Ashby is principal of the Winterset Latin High School ; E. E. Kelly is studying medicine at Oakland, Cal. ; E. W. O'Neal has entered the Des Moines Conference, and is in charge of the Villisca Circuit for the present conference year ; C. W. Johnson is attending the Chicago Medical College.

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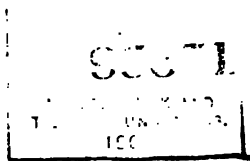
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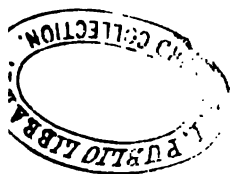
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## ADDRESS TO THE CONVENTION.

*President William W. Cook, Δ, '80.*

BROTHERS IN DELTA TAU DELTA,—LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

We assemble, to-night, from many parts ; from the East, the West, and the South. We come together to commemorate the existence of our fraternity, to exchange ideas, and to legislate for those whom we represent. We have an organization which wields a potent influence in the colleges of the land. We believe that college fraternities are more and more, as the years go by, becoming a large factor in the education of young men. It is fitting, then, to stop and inquire what this influence is, how it operates, and wherein it is beneficial to those who come within its domain.

The Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, created in 1860, has risen, flourished, and is a success. It numbers three thousand college men, and has chapters in twenty-nine educational institutions. It is growing with the years. Its alumni are rising in the world. Its chapters are high in their requisites and standards of membership. It ranks among the best of its competitors. This fraternity speaks for itself : it needs no words of praise or defence ; but points with pride and confidence to its principles, its men, its work, and its prospects.

But why do these college fraternities exist ? What useful purposes do they serve ? Of what benefit are they ? They have had a remarkable growth and extension. The last twenty-five years have seen them firmly, ineradicably established in all the great educational centres of the country. Faculty persecution

has not put them down, nor has student opposition hindered their growth. They live, and refuse to die. Their vitality is phenomenal and proverbial. They enter into and form part of the daily routine of a student's life. They are a living, vital power, for weal or for woe, in the education of the young men of to-day. And with reason. The college fraternity man associates constantly with his fellow-members. He dines, walks, talks, studies, lives with them. He imbibes their tastes, absorbs their ideas, and is influenced by their ambitions, habits, pleasures, hopes, plans and ideas of why we live, what we live for, and what course of conduct we should pursue. Such is the ceaseless and continuous influence of a college fraternity.

It is well, then, to ask whether this is a power for good or for evil. In my opinion, it decidedly is for good. I believe that the remarkable growth of college fraternities, in the last two decades, is due to their intrinsic worth ; to a need for them ; to the benefits which they render students ; and to the workings of that mystic law of nature which prescribes that nothing shall permanently survive except it be for good.

And first, a college fraternity, worthy of being called such, largely educates the student of to-day. It takes the verdant freshman and shapes his manners, his methods, his speech and bearing. It teaches him many things which the class room can not and does not try to teach. It tells him that there is something besides scholarship needed to make a whole-souled, large-minded, true-hearted man.

Yes, the college fraternity does more than this. It follows the student into the class room. It watches over him in every act and thought. It reproaches him for delinquency in scholarship. It commends him for high standing. It inspires and sustains him with the idea that the reputation of his fraternity and his fraternity brothers is affected by his position in the college world. It brightens the rugged paths of college work, and turns into a pleasant duty that which otherwise would be but an irksome task.

Yea, more, it enters into and moulds the moral character of its initiate. It throws around him the moral influence of

friends who are interested in him as a brother. It warns and turns him from the paths of dissipation, of vice, of immorality, of ruin. It incites him to a life of honor and usefulness. It represses the dangerous tendencies of youth, and arouses the dormant ambitions and capabilities of the heart and mind and soul. It gives him the idea that to be a man of honor, of integrity, of high principle, of manly bearing, of courtesy, of true nobility—a gentleman in the full and complete sense of the word—is a result not to be ground out of mathematics, or Greek, or Latin, but to be slowly evolved by a many-sided culture. It inspires him with the thought that an honest, generous, cultured man of heart and mind is the masterpiece of life, the finished product of our civilization, equaled only by the divine nature of a pure and splendid and noble woman. These are the high ideals, which, once formed, never disappear, but follow the student into the busy world, and mould for him his thoughts, his hopes, his career and his end. Such are the influences and such is the work of a college fraternity.

I speak not now of a few college fraternities—fortunately few—which neither recognize nor perform their mission. Little can be said in their favor. They have false requisites ; false ideas of fraternity work ; and false notions of what the outside world expect and require of college graduates. To be one of their number, you must be a man of wealth, or of high social position—things that pertain not to yourself, but to your parentage. The sterling qualities of the mind and heart are of little consequence within their ranks, and are not congenial company, unless it be by the doctrine of opposites. Strange ideas prevail within their halls as to the purposes of their organization. To be a hard-working, conscientious student is a disgrace. But to be absent from the class-room ; to finish the course with the smallest possible amount of labor ; to use keys and translations ; to resort to trickery and deceit ; to have five hours of leisure for one hour of work,—this, with them, is brilliant and commendable. The ideal member is he who can practice these arts with the greatest perfection and success. College life is looked upon as a pastime and play day. Self enjoyment, indolence and ease is the begin-



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ning. Dissipation, vice and ruin is the end. Between these two lies a whole cohort of evils, selfishness, meanness, arrogance and sacrifice of all that is great and good and noble and pure, for that which blooms to-day and withers to-morrow. All along the shores of the stream of their latter-day existence are found young lives blighted ; fair hopes withered ; ambitions deadened, and talent undirected. Such fraternities arouse, deserve and receive only contempt and indignation. Their graduate is looked upon as a college snob. He is a strange compound of conceit, superciliousness, ignorance and pretension. Ten years convince him that the times are out of joint, and that the world is awry. His misspent college days have been to him a curse. Generally he sinks into mediocrity, never to emerge. Sometimes a sadder scene is enacted, and dissipated habits drag their victim down to ruin and an untimely end.

But these are the dark spots of college fraternities, and, like disease and death, merely show, by contrast, the strength and beauty and value of healthful life. Their beneficent influence is not confined to undergraduates. It reaches farther, and follows us into the busy world after our college days are ended. It disciplines us to an appreciation of a disinterested, loyal, yes, an ideal standard of friendship, and it gives to us a high type of friends. And there is need of such discipline in these days of cynicism and suspicion and mercenary motives. The friendships of to-day are for the most part matters of mutual advantage—treaties of reciprocity—covenants to suspend hostilities. But that higher and nobler relation—association, because of a sympathy of ideas, or feelings or aspirations—interest in a friend's welfare for his sake alone—the real friendship which elevates the thoughts, ennobles the nature, and turns man from worldly things to a higher plane of life and being—this, I say, is the mission of all secret societies, and especially is it the idea of college fraternities. A nobler work no organization ever had.

Nor does the influence of secret societies end here. The mystic bond of Delta Tau Delta creates in each of us a feeling of interest, of kinship, of responsibility for our brother members. It is a spirit that is far reaching and lasting. Its influence is

like that of the family and home. It keeps men in the paths of rectitude, urges them to the performance of their duty, and inspires them to lead better and greater lives. The welfare of one is the welfare of all. In times of doubt or difficulty or disaster, a secret society man never turns to his fellow-members in vain. The influence is one for good, and the modern secret society seeks by the lives of its members to teach all men that he who lives honestly, industriously, charitably and progressively, is a benefactor of the human race, and that the world is better for his having lived in it.

Such are some of the reasons why the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity exists, and it has held fast and firm to the first principles of its existence. It has remained true to the high ideal of a typical college fraternity. It has nobly done its work. It has had an influence on the characters of its alumni and undergraduates which has affected their lives and thoughts and vocations. The fraternity itself will live and will grow. Time will but add to its strength and its usefulness. So long as its principles remain unchanged, it will be a benefit and a credit to its members, and the Delta of the future will say to the Delta of yesterday and to-day,—“You found in our colleges a need for new fraternities that would remain true to the high principles of the ideal secret society. You organized on those principles. By adherence thereto we have grown and flourished. Men and chapters may fall away from us, by reason of such adherence, but our safety and usefulness lie in those principles and in those alone. We have remained true to the ideas and record of the fraternity, and when we depart therefrom, may we, too, go the way of the older fraternities, and give place to new organizations which will rise on the principles which we shall have abandoned.”

### FRATERNITY COMBINATIONS.

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THE most pronounced evil in American politics to-day is the "spoils system." Votes, offices and men are bought and sold at every election. The ward "boss" leads his more ignorant fellow men, like so much cattle, to the ballot-box, and they go willingly, for they are sure of a good share of the oats at their journey's end ; or where the animals are not so hungry, it needs but a gentle application of the party lash to quicken their halting footsteps. From the powerful leader of the political machinery of a national party to the caucus-stuffer of the city ward, the motto, "To the victors belong the spoils!" is the impelling motive to an amount of meanness and fraud which makes an honest citizen blush for his country's shame.

The "spoils system" of college politics is the system of fraternity combinations. The "spoils" are the so-called honors of college life, and their distribution by the combination system is manifestly unfair. The number of men who vote, and not merit in the candidates voted for, is that which decides to whom shall be given the honors in question. The leaders of the three or four stronger chapters (and in this connection I do not make an exception of the non-fraternity or "barb." element, which is usually as strongly organized for political work as any fraternity chapter), instinctively come together, and after a thorough canvass of the legal voters, taking to themselves another chapter or two, if they have not a clear majority otherwise, form a faction. Then the election comes, or more properly, the distribution of the spoils, for there certainly is no election where every honor has been predetermined. The "slate" is read, and the form of an election in which every nominee is sure to be *unanimously* chosen, is with much gravity carried through. The bull has been read, and the poor minority is left out in the bitter cold for at least one long year.

That fraternities in college life are of great and lasting good is only disputed by those uninformed persons who, never having

entered the mystic circle, take every occasion to abuse in round terms that of which they know nothing. A group of men of sympathetic disposition, unite to establish a chapter of some fraternity, in which they come together for their mutual, social, moral and intellectual improvement. They thus form in college life that which otherwise is distinctly absent,—a college home,—and when in after years the “college boy,” now grown gray in life’s struggle, looks back to the golden days of youth, when thought and sentiment were awakening his soul to highest endeavor, the scenes and memories which he loves best to recall are those linked to the dear old chapter hall. But not as training schools for political methods, and those methods the offspring of the spoils system, do I consider the end and use of the fraternity. Let this combination system be rooted out of college life, and there will be lifted from the shoulders of the fraternities a disgrace which too often they now have to bear.

But those favoring this system as an expedient, who think it intrinsically wrong, would ask us, “What will you put in its place?” Nothing, let us hope, in its place; for the simple fact is, that there is no necessity of combinations to distribute *honors*. If they are in truth real honors, then they should be given either by competition of candidates or by open election. Don’t favor the fond delusion that this state of affairs would demand an Utopia where we now have only human nature with its ambitions and its friendships as ruling motives. I have more faith in the manhood of college men than that. The work in college, in class-room, in literary halls and in personal intercourse, soon shows the strength and worth of a man. The majority of college men are generous and high-minded enough to appreciate this truth, and when not bound by the written compact of a faction, in an open election they will bestow the honor upon one of the few who without any doubt most deserve it. In all cases possible here should be free competition, and when that holds in oratorical and society contests, the honors will be given, not to the one who can boast of belonging to the largest faction, but to the one who gives the best essay, oration or debate, as the case may be.

As is well known, among the Western college men, the principal inter-collegiate events are the meeting of the State and Inter-State Oratorical Associations and the contests connected therewith. The latter cannot be controlled, at least directly by any combination system, but the former may be. In the State of Indiana it has been very evident for some time that such is the case. In all the leading colleges of this State, honors are distributed by the combination system, and as the combination for the State happens to be formed, so it is with each college. At the State University, which moulds the politics of the State, there are between thirty and forty honors which are annually distributed by the ruling faction, whatever that may happen to be. Of course there may be good men—perhaps the best men—in the combination, and these may be nominated for the various honors ; but if they are the best, free competition and open election will most plainly show the fact, and if they are not, then there is a gross injustice to the superior men who happen to be left out of the combination.

There is a strange inconsistency for men to go into society exhibitions and deliver eloquent orations upon such topics as “Civil Service Reform,” “The Statesman,” and “Democratic Government,” when they hold those honorable positions in such exhibitions simply from being the leader in the college “spoils system.” But what can be done to remedy the evil? Probably nothing by a single stroke, for the majority which happens to be in thinks that a combination is all right, so long as it means that they shall possess the honors, and when any fraternity happens to be out, then there is some other majority in, and a change of heart has no weight. We can only trust that, in the course of political evolution, the colleges as well as the nation shall rid themselves of every form of the “spoils system,” and then the single test required of the candidate for honor shall be his fitness for that honor.

C. L. EDWARDS.

## Editorial.

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*[Subscribers will please notice that, for good and substantial reasons, the Subscription Price of THE CRESCENT has been raised from One Dollar to One Dollar and a Half per volume of nine numbers. Send remittances to the Editor-in-Chief, by Postal Note or Money Order.]*

THE Editors desire to express their appreciation of the cordial and generous reception accorded the initial number of THE CRESCENT by the active chapters and the alumni. It was feared that the increased subscription price might cause dissatisfaction and consequent injury and harm to the interests of the journal, but in no single instance have the chapters reduced their lists, while many report most gratifying additions. The alumni bid fair to manifest their approval and encouragement in largely increased contributions to the treasury. From the present standpoint, the financial outlook seems brighter and more inspiring than for several years past. Faithful and spirited missionary work by the chapter secretaries among their respective alumni will ensure a most successful and prosperous year.

NOTWITHSTANDING the most energetic efforts of the Catalogue Committee, the lists of several chapters are incomplete, and imperfect in one important feature—the full name of the initiate. In no case is the first name wanting, but the unknown middle names number several scores. We urgently request the officers of such chapters to ascertain these names without further delay, and forward them to the Catalogue agent, Brother Trautwein, for preservation. We cheerfully endorse the suggestion that the agent be informed from time to time of all corrections, alterations or additions to the records published in the Catalogue. While the Fifth General Catalogue is a marvel of convenience, simplicity and completeness, the Sixth can, with the united aid and interest of our membership, be made ideally perfect.

SEVERAL of our younger chapters have attained a degree of strength and good fortune that seems to justify them in establishing permanent chapter homes. We kindly and earnestly counsel these fortunate and ambitious chapters—to first get your money, then go ahead. Before you hang your curtains or lay your carpet, be sure you have the money to pay for them. Don't put an article of furniture in your hall unless



you hold for it a receipted bill. Beware of extravagance and prodigality. Don't mortgage your future for present enjoyment. A plain, comfortable, unpretentious hall, PAID FOR, is far better than an elegant, luxuriously furnished apartment with a dark cloud of debt brooding over its beauty. Pleasant it is to meet in halls, ornate with chaste appointments, adorned and decorated in refined and cultured taste, but be watchful lest you cherish the bitter germs of repudiation and dishonor. Don't be misled by a sophistry which teaches that debt will harmonize differences and unite the chapter in a firmer bond of fraternal love and sympathy. Almost invariably a heavy debt brings only a sense of discouragement, insecurity and peril, and too frequently the insidious temptation to initiate unworthy men. Rely not too strongly upon your past triumphs; nor upon your present puissance and vigor. They are not eternal. Experience teaches that past success does not assure future prosperity. The ebb follows the flood tide. The day of conscious strength may usher in the night of weakness and prostration. The strong chapter of to-day may be the weak chapter of tomorrow. A chapter may part with twelve men in June to meet with three in September. A burden, light to the twelve, may annihilate the three. Of all things, avoid too implicit confidence in the aid of your alumni. Too frequently their promises prove to be the stuff dreams are made of. At chapter banquets and on other festal occasions, in moments of enthusiasm and exaltation, the most honorable men are sometimes led to covenant that which after events make most difficult of fulfillment. Again, the great majority of our chapters have been founded within the last decade, and their alumni are men just crossing the threshold of business and professional life. To contribute to a chapter fund demands of them the sternest self-sacrifice. Upon them, therefore, build your expectations not too lofty. In spite of all this, if you see your way clear and are building on firm, immovable rock, we urge you to go ahead. Lease the most convenient suite of rooms you can find, decorate them elaborately, furnish them in luxury and beauty, but—avoid debt as you would a scorching pestilence.

FRATERNITY combinations have been so thoroughly and so frequently discussed and ventilated in the journals, that the subject is rapidly approaching the realm of ancient history. Anathematized, censured and satirized by a singularly unanimous press, the evil has almost ceased to be a living issue; its most vicious, demoralizing and

odious features linger only in a few sporadic cases in regions where a poison-tainted atmosphere generates and nourishes such malignant, cancerous growths. In many colleges, fraternity combinations have been a fruitful source of misunderstanding, prejudice and oppression ; there they have vitiated and corrupted the aims, methods and policy of the fraternity system, defiled its character, destroyed its influence, subjected its nobility, purity and virtue to that which is dishonest, vile and shameful in man ; they have prostituted the power, the fame and the authority of the Greek societies to further the base ambitions of unworthy and unscrupulous men, and have made the very name "fraternity" a reproach, a scandal, a symbol of all that is infamous, depraved and iniquitous. Let us remember, however, that the evil was not general but local. The most venomous cases seldom occurred, and were vigorously denounced by intelligent fraternity men. The disease arose, flourished and waxed strong in the days when, in many colleges, the chapters of rival fraternities were bitterly hostile colonies, with nothing in common except the Greek alphabet and a mutual bigotry and hatred. The advent of Greek journalism heralded the dawn of a better and brighter day. The Greek press has demonstrated that the fraternities are essentially one in origin, development, aspiration and destiny. With the realization of that fact has come the epoch of generosity, reconciliation and harmony. The growth of a broad, liberal and intelligent press has eradicated many of the evils of the fraternity system, and with them the pernicious features of political combinations have passed away with the night that gave them birth.

#### EDITORIAL REQUESTS.

WE shall publish in the December number an article reviewing the recent contributions of Brothers Carleton, Kent, Stahl, Study and Haigh to current American literature. We shall be pleased to receive reviews of the works of any other Deltas, and will gladly include them in the article, which we desire to make as complete as possible.

WE have in our possession several complete files of Vol. I., which will be sold for \$1.50 per volume. The initial volume is becoming very rare, and this will probably be the last chance offered to chapters and brothers to complete their files. We desire to obtain copies of Vol. VII, No. 9 (with index) ; Vol. VIII, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 ; Vol. II., No. 1 ; Vol. III., No. 5 ; Vol. IV., Nos. 1, 2, 6 and 9 ; Vol. V., Nos. 6 and 8.

THE Report of the Convention Committee on Necrology is in very incomplete shape. Each chapter is requested to prepare a list of its members who have died between the Watkins Glen and Detroit Conventions, and forward same to H. W. Plummer, the committee on publication of Convention minutes. The record should include full name, chapter, college, place of residence, date, place and cause of death, and if possible place of burial.

THE December number will contain the list of men initiated during the months of the present year. Every chapter is urgently requested to send the Secretary of the Council the constitutional enrollment form, properly and carefully filled, for each man initiated. By attention to this duty the list can be published full, complete and up to date.

WE desire the chapter secretaries to prepare lists of their alumni (with latest addresses), who can be induced to subscribe for the journal. We particularly want the names of those who have attended college within five years. A large edition of the October number was published for the purpose of general distribution, and the work can be materially forwarded by the assistance of the secretaries.

BROTHERS who failed to receive the first number will confer a favor by promptly reporting the fact to the editor-in-chief, who will be pleased to supply the deficiency.

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## The Greek World.

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$\Phi \Delta \Theta$  glories in the possession of the only lady who was ever initiated into a male Greek Letter Fraternity. The lady in question is Miss Kate Carothers, A.B., who graduated in 1874, at the Mary Sharpe College, Winchester, Tenn., and also from the New England Conservatory of Music. Miss Carothers was elected in recognition of valuable services rendered in re-establishing the Mississippi Alpha of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , at the University of Mississippi, in 1881.

THE fraternities now represented at the University of Alabama,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $K \Delta$  and  $\Sigma N$ , have obtained the repeal of the obnoxious anti-frat. laws, by sending representatives to argue

the question before a committee of the Trustees of the institution. In return for the repeal, the fraternities will have to forego the privilege of voting in the literary societies. The honors that have heretofore been elective will now be assigned by the faculty. The University, of Alabama was founded in 1820, at Tuscaloosa, and has had chapters of  $\Phi B K$ ,  $\Delta K E$ ,  $A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , and  $\Sigma A E$ . The *Delta*, of  $\Sigma N$  says that  $\Delta K E$  failed in recent effort to re-establish her chapter.

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Middletown, Conn., supports  $\Psi T$ ,  $A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Delta K E$ ,  $X \Psi$  and the Eclectic (local), all owning chapter houses. We clip the following paragraph from an interesting letter recently published in the  $\Phi K \Psi$  *Shield* :

I believe the greatest element of strength in the fraternities at Wesleyan is the strong bond of brotherhood existing between the brothers who are students and the brothers who are professors. Every man in the faculty attends the receptions and banquets of his society, and while having thought for all the students, takes a peculiar interest in assisting his own brethren, in sickness and trouble, thus binding them to him not only by a high respect for him as their instructor, but by a fraternal love for him as their brother. On the other hand, I believe the greatest source of weakness in the societies is the large membership of men in college. The five societies average thirty-two active members. Necessarily, the highest type of fraternal union is lost. A few days ago I asked a friend, in regard to an incoming Freshman, "Does your society intend to take in ——?" He replied, "Most of our men object to him, but some of us who want him are at work forming a *combination*, and if we succeed we shall be able to elect him." Where such a "combination" is necessary, or even possible, the *fraternal* spirit must be burning low.

IN speaking of the Central University, Kentucky, where  $\Delta K E$  recently founded a chapter, the *Quarterly*, of that fraternity says, editorially : "On account of its youth and late rapid growth, it has doubtless surprised the chapters, as a couple of years since it surprised the council, to find that the one institution which on the one hand has adopted to the fullest extent the most advanced features of the University plan, and on the other

is enjoying to the utmost the wonderful prosperity which its enterprise has earned, is in Central Kentucky." Such sentiments are likely to produce great irritation and dejection in the energetic and vigorous councils of  $B \ominus \Pi$  and  $\Sigma X$ , who in the fullness of their wisdom rejected the "future great" university of the South, and discarded the pearl of great price which the venerable and eminently conservative, but shrewd and crafty  $\Delta K E$  has exultantly placed in the starry diadem that bedecks her regal head. We doubt not that the aforesaid councils of  $B \ominus \Pi$  and  $\Sigma X$  will await in breathless suspense the announcement of other  $\Delta K E$  surprises and the discovery of universities revelling in wonderful prosperity amid the alluvial swamps of classic Arkansas, or on the broad and fertile plains of verdant Oklahoma.

MANTON MARBLE, whom President Cleveland sent to Europe to ascertain the position of the several nations upon the coinage of gold and silver, is an  $A \Delta \Phi$ ; John Clark Ridpath, the historian, is a  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ; Adlai E. Stevenson, First Assistant Postmaster General, is a  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ; Gen. Matthew S. Quay, Treasurer-elect of Pennsylvania, is a  $B \ominus \Pi$ ; Alfred P. Burbank, the elocutionist, is a  $\Delta K E$ ; George F. Seward, ex-Minister to China, is a  $\Delta \Phi$ ; Speaker John G. Carlisle is an honorary member of  $\Sigma A E$ ; Edward L. Youmans, Editor of the *Popular Science Monthly*, is a  $\Delta R$ ; Chauncey M. Depew, the author of the Grant-Johnson letter, is a  $\Psi R$ ; Stewart L. Woodford, ex-Lieutenant Governor of New York, is a  $\Delta K E$  and a  $\Delta \Psi$ ; Judge William A. Vincent, whom President Cleveland appointed Chief Justice of New Mexico, and afterward suspended, is a  $X \Phi$ ; John Hay, the poet, diplomatist, and Private Secretary to President Lincoln is a  $\Theta \Delta X$ ; John L. McMaster, Mayor of Indianapolis, is a  $\Delta T \Delta$ , and Caleb S. Denny, the Mayor-elect, is a  $\Sigma X$ ; John M. Martin, Congressman-elect from Alabama, is a  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ .

THE Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of  $\Delta K E$  was held with the Gamma Phi of Wesleyan, at Middletown, Conn., Wednesday and Thursday, October 21 and 22, 1885. Wednesday evening a concert was given in the Opera house at Meriden,

by the Listermann Concert Company of Boston, and the Yale and Wesleyan Glee Clubs. The literary exercises were held Thursday evening in the North Congregational Church at Middletown, ex-Governor John D. Long, of Massachusetts, being the president, Senator Matthew C. Butler, of South Carolina, the orator, and Julian Hawthorne, the poet. The next convention will be held in New York City, in October, 1886.

ALL indications point to a great revival in the publication of Catalogue literature.  $\Delta K E$  will soon issue a catalogue which she expects will surpass all previous efforts in this direction ;  $\Sigma X$  is busily preparing a book which, judging from the energy and ability of her Council, will be equal to any that recent years have produced ;  $\Psi T$  is said to have abandoned the plan of issuing a supplement to her superb catalogue of 1879, and has ordered the preparation of a new and elaborate edition ; and even  $\Phi K \Psi$  has awakened from her lethargy, and commenced the compilation of a biographical catalogue with all the modern improvements.

$\Delta K E$  recently established a club in New York which is modeled to some extent after the great clubs of that city. An entire dwelling has been leased, which meets the present wants of the club. Parlors, café and restaurant, billiard, library, chapter, council and meeting rooms have been furnished, and chambers provided for guests and belated members. The club is a new departure in the treatment of the great fraternity alumni question, and the progress of the experiment will be watched with much interest by all Greek societies.

THE Fifty-first Annual Convention of  $\Delta T$  was held with the Rochester Chapter, at Rochester, N. Y., October 22 and 23, 1885. Ex-Governor Marcellus L. Stearns, of Florida, president ; the Rev. Dr. Orrin P. Gifford, orator ; Professor W. P. Dudley, poet. The next convention will be held with the Madison Chapter, at Hamilton, N. Y., in October, 1886.

THE Convention of  $\Sigma A E$  was held with the Nu of Vanderbilt, at Nashville, Tenn., October 20, 21, 22 and 23, 1885. The executive power was taken from the Grand Chapter and given to

a Council of five alumni. An oratorical contest was held for a gold medal. Favored Northern extension. Banquet at Mooney's, at which Gen. E. Kirby Smith and Gen. W. H. Washington responded to toasts. The next Convention will meet at Atlanta, Ga., August 19, 1886.

AMONG the other chapters here [at Wooster] Phi Delta Theta is our strongest rival as well as our best friend; Beta Theta Pi suffered by graduation and is only fairly prosperous; Phi Kappa Psi, which became nearly extinct here, is making a good effort to recover lost ground; Delta Tau Delta is good, and as quiet as usual, nothing occurring to disturb the even tenor of her way; Phi Gamma Delta has several members.—*The Sigma Chi*.

ON account of the disgraceful conduct of some of the fraternities at the Virginia Military institute, *The Sigma Chi* says that "the authorities of the institution have taken steps whereby each new cadet is required to swear that he will not connect himself with any secret organization during his stay." The death of fraternities at this place is therefore only a matter of time.  $\Delta T \Omega$ ,  $K A$ ,  $\Sigma N$ ,  $\Sigma X$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  are represented.

THE prolific soil of De Pauw has given birth to another ladies' fraternity, by name the  $A X \Omega$ . The fraternity will be confined to musical conservatories. The Alpha Chi Omega, according to *The De Pauw Monthly*, begins its career on a new and complete system, and launches out with brilliant prospects. The colors are scarlet and bronze.

SOUTH CAROLINA UNIVERSITY was founded in 1801, at Columbia. Previous to the war, the University supported chapters of  $\Delta \Psi$ ,  $\Delta K E$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $X \Psi$ , and  $B \Theta \Pi$ . Since 1881,  $K A$ ,  $\Sigma A E$ ,  $\Delta T \Omega$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  have entered the University, and several of the Northern fraternities are taking steps leading to a revival of their deceased chapters.

$\Sigma A E$  has entered Cumberland University, Tenn. The  $K \Psi$  Chapter of  $\Delta K E$  existed for a number of years in this institution, but the charter was withdrawn in 1873. If  $\Delta K E$  executes a Tennessee manoeuvre similar to its Kentucky flank movement, Vanderbilt will be the home of the "revived  $K \Psi$ ."

THE Twenty-first Convention of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  was held with the Sigma Deuteron of Lafayette, at Easton, Pa., October 26, 27 and 28, 1885. The *Phi Gamma Delta* was changed to a quarterly, and will be published by the Grand Chapter in New York City. The next convention will be held in Springfield, Ohio, in October, 1886.

THE Faculty of Purdue University has voted to allow Juniors and Seniors to become fraternity men.  $\Sigma X$ , the only fraternity there, has a chapter of three Juniors and three Seniors.  $\Delta T \Delta$  recently received a petition from some of the best men in the University, but refused it because of the low standing of the institution.

REPORTS are abroad that a new ladies' fraternity has been founded at Meadville, Pa., to be known as Phi Alpha Psi; while in the South several strange orders have arisen of late months, to prove that the student world has not yet fully realized that it has had too much of a good thing.—*The Sigma Chi*.

THE University of North Carolina was founded in 1789, at Chapel Hill, and has had chapters of  $\Delta K E$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Sigma A E$ ,  $\Delta \Psi$ ,  $\Delta \Phi$ ,  $X \Psi$ ,  $\Phi K \Sigma$ ,  $\Theta \Delta X$ ,  $X \Phi$ ,  $Z \Psi$ , and  $K \Sigma$ .  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $A T \Omega$ , and  $K A$  are now represented by active chapters, and  $Z \Psi$  is said to have lately revived her chapter.

THE college department of a Cincinnati daily originated a report that  $\Delta T \Delta$  had withdrawn the charter of her Kenyon chapter. The item has been published in several fraternity journals, to whom we wish to say that  $\Delta T \Delta$  has *not* taken any such action nor has she any intention of so doing.

$X \Psi$  has chapters in the South at Furman University, South Carolina College, Wofford College, and the University of Mississippi. The first three are in South Carolina. This fraternity has defunct chapters at the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia.

IN spite of the glorious climate, the Chapter of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  at the University of California is now numbered among the things that were but are not.  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Delta K E$ ,  $X \Phi$  and  $Z \Psi$  still live.



THE University of Indiana opened with flattering prospects, with new and complete buildings, and with the largest Freshman and Sophomore classes in the history of the college. Of the fraternities  $\Sigma X$  has 17 men,  $\Phi K \Psi$  15,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  14,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  12, and  $B \Theta \Pi$  10.

WITHIN the last two years, the State Universities of Missouri, North Carolina and Alabama, Vanderbilt University, Davidson College (N. C.), and Erskine College (S. C.), have repealed their laws against secret societies.

$\Sigma N$  entered Emory in the spring of '85 with four charter members. The Faculty and Trustees granted permission to  $X \Psi$  to establish a chapter, but it is said the fraternity refused a charter to the petitioners.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has issued lithograph reproductions of the photographs and autographs of her six founders, each on separate sheets, 11×14 inches, which are to be sold to the members at sixty cents per set.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$  and  $A T \Omega$  are suffering the agonies involved in the compilation of a Song Book. To our afflicted brethren,  $\Delta T \Delta$  wishes to convey her profoundest sympathy and commiseration.

NORTHERN  $K A$  had a chapter at the University of Virginia from 1857 to 1861. The chapter had forty-seven members, and is the only chapter the fraternity has ever had in the South.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Zeta Psi have chapters at the University of North Carolina.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

NORTHWESTERN had in all departments, during the year '84-'85, a total attendance of 837. The fraternities represented are  $\Sigma X$ ,  $\Delta \Gamma$ ,  $\Phi K \Sigma$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ , and  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

THE University of Tennessee was founded at Knoxville, in 1807.  $K \Sigma$  and  $K. A.$  are the only fraternities represented.  $\Pi K A$ ,  $A T \Omega$ , and  $\Sigma A E$  chapters are dead.

THE membership of the fraternities in the University of the South is  $A T \Omega$  12,  $\Sigma A E$  19,  $K \Sigma$  11,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  8,  $\Delta T \Delta$  17,  $K A$  7.

$\Psi T$  is reported to have passed resolutions ordering the establishment of a chapter at the University of Minnesota at the earliest practicable date.

$K \Sigma$  will commence the publication of a paper in October, at Wytheville, Va. It will be known as the *Kappa Sigma Quarterly*.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$  entered the University of Alabama with forty-three men,  $\Sigma N$  with thirty-two, and  $K A$  with fourteen.

$A T \Omega$ , at Stevens, is on the verge of dissolution, with but one man in the chapter, and he a senior.

$\Delta T$  has new chapters at Columbia, Lafayette, and the University of Wisconsin.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN supports chapters of  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $X \Psi$ ,  $\Sigma X$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and  $\Delta T$ .

$\Theta \Delta X$  has entered Amherst, and  $\Delta \Phi$  has revived at Harvard.

$\Delta K E$  has established an alumni chapter at Louisville, Ky.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has entered the Central University of Kentucky.

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## Chapter Letters.

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### Epsilon—Albion.

EPSILON is in excellent condition for work, and everything is hopeful. Our membership has been increased by the entrance in college of Bros. Healy and Scranton, and an initiate, whom I gladly introduce, John W. Arney, '89. We have a lecture billed for November, by Rev. Washington Gardner (Mu), of Jackson, and also an orchestral concert, from which we expect to be benefited financially.

Albion College has never been so great in number of students, presenting an increase of twenty-five per cent. Prof. Lutz, recently a professor in Harvard College, has been elected to the chair of Modern Language.

The endowment fund was increased last year by \$150,000.

**Beta Zeta—Butler.**

No chapter at this institution has ever experienced so great a change as ours has, within the past month. We have for a number of years been "down at the heel" in point of numbers. Last year we numbered six, until the spring term, when two of our men left to spend the summer in Florida. For various reasons the number ranged between two and six. This term found at its opening two Deltas, as usual,—Bro. Wise having left to bury his brother; Bro. Redmon kept out by a shotgun wound in the shoulder; Bro. Mann not yet having found his way out of the Everglades. About the second month found four of us back, and rather earnest in persuading some others to flee the wrath to come, and seek safety in our ranks. We succeeded in "working" five men at once, whom we now take pleasure in introducing to you as Bros. J. C. Smith, W. J. Armstrong, A. J. LeMiller, W. H. Shortridge, and W. H. King. On the following Tuesday evening after these men were initiated, we initiated H. E. Lucas, and on a very recent occasion, Bros. Percy and Howe. We now number two Juniors, six Sophomores, four Freshmen, one 3rd Prep. You can imagine we felt pretty well satisfied with our success. Some of our opponents thought we were cutting a wide swath. We have now made arrangements to fit up a chapter house, and occupy it immediately after the holidays. Our alumni will give us material aid.

**Phi—Hanover.**

Phi is for the first time for at least eight years reduced to the weakest chapter in college. The class of '85 took away with it four men who have been for the last three or four years the pillars of our chapter. Bro. Voris and Lapp of '87 failed to show up this year, Bro. Voris, dropping out to go into business, and Bro. Lapp to teach school. Bro. Lapp, however, we expect back with us next year. As it is we are three, all Sophomores, and will probably remain so to the end of the year, as there were but a few new men who entered the college proper this year, none of whom were thought eligible for  $\Delta T \Delta$ , as weak as we were. We hope to do some good work in the Preparatory De-

partment, and open next year, with something like our old numbers. We have received a number of encouraging letters from our loyal Alumni, which give us great hopes. Bro. Hamilton of '85 and Bro. Voris, formerly of '87, each made us flying visits during last month.

The college has opened another year with higher expectations than ever before. At the last commencement the Trustees elected Professor Keil to the chair of Latin and Modern Languages. Professor Keil is a fine linguist, speaking a number of the modern languages. Prof. Baird, formerly in the Chair of Latin and Modern Languages, now takes the recently endowed Chair of Physics and Astronomy. Our rival chapters are all in a fair condition.

#### Rho—Stevens.

WE have been much pleased with the improved appearance of THE CRESCENT, and hope to materially enlarge our subscription list; we will try to do what we can to enlist the interest of the Alumni of the Fraternity residing in New York and vicinity.

We are glad to know that Sigma at Columbia is in such good condition; we think that its prospects are brighter than at any previous period, and look for good work from that chapter during the year. We can now introduce our second initiate from the Freshman Class,—Bro. Alfred C. Peck, '89, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The fraternities here are very active this year, although not many initiations have taken place; they seem to pay more attention to one class of men. Theta Xi, who heretofore has been one of the most deliberate of the fraternities here, has been most active this year, having taken in four freshmen and three sophomores. They seem to have changed their membership standard, which is nothing like so uniform as in former years. Sigma Chi, from the report of its Stevens correspondent to *The Sigma Chi* does not seem to regard '89 as a very promising one, whereas the class is known as one of the best that we have had for years.

Bro. R. M. Anderson, represents us on the editorial board of this year's *Eccentric*, upon which  $X \Phi$ ,  $\Theta \Xi$ , and the neutrals are represented. So far the prospects for the coming number of the *Eccentric* are very bright. The first number of the *Rho Chron-*

*icle*, looking much improved with a new heading, has been sent to the chapters, and will be published regularly during the year. So far this year we have had a larger number of visitors than usual; our alumni are present much more frequently than heretofore, and we have had visits from Bros. Wilson M. Day, Mu, '71, President of the Fraternity; James W. Magruder, Mu, '85; H. W. Collingwood, Iota, '83; M. P. Quintana, Upsilon, '84, and Julius D. Earle, Nu, '87. Situated so near New York City we have frequent opportunities of meeting and entertaining Deltas from abroad, and we are always glad to embrace such opportunities.

#### Kappa—Hillsdale.

At present we number eleven men, but brothers Heckenlively and Spears will be absent teaching during the winter. Supplies for their vacancies have been provided; our policy, however, will be to keep close to the limit. Chas. Ward Macomber is our latest acquisition. The presence of "ye olden time" fratres, O. A. Janes, C. F. Cook, W. C. Wilson, and F. H. Stone enlivened one of our recent meetings.

The interests of our college are now represented by two periodicals, *The Herald*, a weekly, and *The Advance*, a bi-monthly; each is edited by members of the faculty. The fall term ends November 25, having had a total enrollment in the different departments of over four hundred. The formal dedication of the new gymnasium building occurred November 5. In the afternoon a session was held for the students and their friends, at which the main address of the occasion was delivered by President Dunn. In the evening, the doors were thrown open to the public in general, and notwithstanding the disagreeable darkness and inclemency of the weather, a very large audience assembled to listen to a well arranged programme. Among those who delivered addresses was F. B. Dickerson, of Detroit, from whom the gymnasium received its name. Indian club swinging, broom brigade drill, etc., formed interesting parts of the exercises.

The  $\Phi \chi \Theta$ 's have augmented their number to twenty-two. They have a strong chapter, and are rivals worthy of our competition. The  $\Sigma X$ 's are in good condition, but are somewhat weaker than they were last year.

**Beta Delta—University of Georgia.**

THE University of Georgia opened with one hundred and sixty students, which is a decided increase over last year. The new boys were of the best class, consequently all the fraternities here are in good condition. Beta Delta commenced her term with seven active and enthusiastic Deltas, and as the result of their labor, we would commend to the brotherhood Bros. J. W. Norris, '89, L. Chase, '89, both of Florence, S. C., and John P. Upshaw, Jr., '89, Social Circle, Ga. With eleven men in perfect union and harmony, we know that the ends of the order can be attained. Bro. Ed. T. Whatley has been elected Anniversarian of the Demosthean Literary Society, one of the highest honors within the gift of the college. We are also represented on *The College Reporter*.

**Beta Theta—University of the South.**

I HAVE no new brothers to introduce this time, but fraternity life in Sewanee has not been entirely uneventful since I last wrote to THE CRESCENT. In the first place, we were very much excited about a month ago, by some one breaking several of our new stained glass windows, and taking our banner and some other articles from the hall. We could not imagine who had done it, and were naturally very angry. The Phi Delta Theta hall was subjected to a similar treatment on the same night, and they were as mad as we; but our anger gave way to a sense of the ludicrous when it was discovered that a few little boys about eight or ten years old had formed a "fraternity," and having no "secret," had determined to possess themselves of ours. Apart from the annoyance that it caused us, it was a most ridiculous burlesque on the fraternity system. We wish to take this opportunity publicly to express our thanks for the ready sympathy and assistance which the other fraternities and the University authorities extended to us, when the case was thought to be serious. We had a most delightful evening on the 3rd of November, at our banquet. We chartered the hotel for the night, it having been closed for the winter, and had full use of kitchen, dining-hall and parlor. Bros. Riddell and Hale were with us for a few days,

and Bro. Riddell's caricatures of each frater, distributed with the menus, added not a little to the enjoyment of the evening. The supper, in regular courses, was excellent, and the toasts came in just right to finish up on. Music, songs, declamations, comic (?) operas, etc., filled up the rest of the evening, which was concluded by a Choctaw walk-around and three good cheers. May we have many more such, and may some of our brothers be here to help us enjoy some of them.

#### Omicron—Iowa State University.

FRATERNITY matters in the University are moving along with the accustomed regularity. Since our last letter we have initiated two worthy men,—Harry Stanton Marquardt, and Horace Greeley Clark, both of Iowa City, the former a brother of a loyal Delta, while the latter cannot claim relationship with either of the Clarks in our chapter. The contest for men this year has been quite spirited, but as predicted in our last, we have not experienced any difficulty in obtaining our quota of good men. At present the active membership of the different fraternities in the university is as follows:  $\Delta T \Delta$ , fifteen;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , thirteen;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , nine;  $\Sigma X$ , eight;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , seven.

The Betas have apparently lowered their former standard, and will be very much weakened when the class of '86 graduates.  $\Phi K \Psi$  is young, but shows the vigor of youth, and has a recognized standing.  $\Sigma X$  has partially recovered the ground lost last year, and bids fair to become established on a more solid basis than ever before.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is much inferior to its former standing, both in men and influence. Our lady Greeks are prosperous though conservative. It was rumored that a chapter of  $\Delta \Gamma$  had been established here, but if so, it is still *sub rosa*.

#### Iota—Michigan State.

Iota is just closing a term of hard work, and we look back at the results of our efforts with the greatest satisfaction, and forward with most sanguine anticipations of continued success. Six have been initiated, and Bros. Perrigo, '88, and Burnham, Bartmess, Hubbard, McDonald and Gladden, '89, are the men who are to make Iota's future prosperity outshine all her past

successes. Our energetic president and new departments have started the anticipated boom at this institution, and while many colleges have entered small classes this fall, we have the largest and best class we have had for years. Iota's successful efforts to secure the best are largely due to her invariable policy of refraining from belittling her rivals, and winning on her superiority alone. We never misrepresent, and have a record for square above-board work of which we are proud. As a chapter, we are a unit in brotherly regard for each other, and enthusiasm for good old Delta Tau. Music, that great power to "soothe the savage breast," we make the most of, and piano, violin, guitar, banjo and flute are seldom at rest on Saturday evenings. We hope soon to replace the piano now in our rooms with one of our own.

Last Saturday evening, November 14th, we entertained our friends in the chapter hall. It was a genuine Delta evening, enjoyed alike by guests and Delta brothers; and proved a fitting culmination to our term's successful work. We were glad to have with us Bros. Ware, Hoyt and Coulter, '82, Carpenter, '73, and Carpenter, '79. Nothing pleases us more than to have brothers of our own and other chapters visit us. Efforts are being made by the Eclectic Literary Society to secure another fraternity here. We hope they may be successful, and, as they express themselves as bound to persevere till they succeed, we think they will. The society contains many fine men, and the college is prosperous and growing.

#### Gamma—Washington and Jefferson.

A. T. BAIRD, Esq., Treasurer of Washington-Jefferson College, last week received a check from New York for \$30,306—the proceeds from the sale of Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad stock, bequeathed by the late Rev. Dr. Charles C. Beatty, of Steubenville, Ohio. Dr. Beatty's total contributions to the college exceed \$105,000. Prof. J. F. Ray, Gamma, '72, now occupies the chair of Physics and Chemistry of Washington-Jefferson. He came here from the Detroit High School, and is becoming deservedly popular with the students.



Gamma Chapter is in excellent condition. The term was begun with seven men. We have initiated two,—Ott McLaughlin, of Wheeling, W. Va., and Sherrard Elliott, of New York City—both sought after by other fraternities—and we have another man pledged. Gamma is reinforced by Whistler, formerly of Alpha, a good fellow, well liked, and a worthy Delta. Our hall has been handsomely refurnished and everything is comfortable. Bro. Garrison represents Gamma on the Board of Editors of the Annual to be issued by the Juniors. Two of the prominent oilmen now in town are old Delta Taus,—Messrs. Henry W. Williams, who was initiated at the Western University, and Charlie Newlon, an old Alpha boy. Both keep up their interest in the fraternity.

#### Alpha — Allegheny.

SINCE our last, we may state that Alpha has been proceeding on her way admirably, and with abundant success. We may announce the fruits of our labors by introducing to you the initiates: Bros. K. Carl Kreek, of Titusville, Pa., and John C. Armstrong, of Brownsville, Pa. We are happy to think that old Allegheny College was so fortunate this year as to have two new men join her ranks that would make good royal Deltas. We think that there are also several more of such stripe, and we await further developments. We now number eight active members, and our chapter is in a good condition. Although it is not as strong in numbers as it might be, we feel that it is growing within itself. While we are eight in number, we are one in spirit. Perfect harmony is something that Alpha can always boast of. As we believe that the vitality of any chapter depends only upon the standard of the members enrolled, we regard it imperative to choose only the best, and unhesitatingly exclude all those who would have a tendency to lower the dignity of the chapter.

It is gratifying to announce that two new professors have been added to the faculty: Rev. W. G. Williams, of Jamestown, N. Y., Professor of Ethics; Rev. T. N. Luckock, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Professor of Mathematics. These are men of superior ability, and will undoubtedly be a credit to the college. Two hundred and thirty-two students are now in attendance. The Civil Engineering course, so lately inaugurated in the curricu-

lum, is now becoming one of the principal college courses. Facilities for carrying on the work are being added, and ere long nothing will be wanting to make the course complete.

Chapter Alpha opened the social season (just as usual) with an old-fashioned taffy pull. The party was the first of the kind this season. Excellent music was procured, all those present seemed to have especially enjoyed themselves, and complimented us again and again upon our beautiful suite of rooms. There were about forty present. This happy event may be enlisted among the many social successes of Alpha.

#### Psi — Wooster.

SINCE our last letter Bro. Sharpe has left us. He was elected to a position in Shadyside Academy, East Pittsburgh, Pa., which he accepted. We are sorry to lose "Bob," but are comforted some from the fact that he will return next year to finish his course. Psi has added a culinary department to her hall. Bro. Rockey is chief cook, and a real connoisseur at dishing up the bivalves. Bro. Aughinbaugh has recently presented us with a very fine painting of a Delta badge. The work is done on a silvered plaque, which is set in a frame of hammered brass. It is unique. Psi has been well remembered in late elections. Bro. Shallenberger is to manage the scenes in two Shakspearean entertainments to be given, one at the close of this term, and the other at the opening of the next. Bro. W. S. Bowman was elected historian of his class. In the Military Department we hold our share of the offices. If there is any honor in offices, we are surely blessed.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Phi K \Psi$  are fitting up new halls in a brick block that is just finished. Their location is central. The  $K A \Theta$  ladies held a reception at the home of one of their resident members on halloween.

#### Beta Epsilon — Emory.

WITH the return of Bros. Key, Johnson and Crossby, the Beta Epsilon was enabled to open the year with sixteen men. We desire to introduce Bro. J. B. Clark, who was initiated last spring, and Bros. Reed, Daniel and Landrum, who have announced their fealty to  $\Delta T \Delta$  since the beginning of the fall term. With Bro. J. A. Williams, who returns in April to graduate with '86, Beta Epsilon will have three seniors, three juniors, seven sophomores, three freshmen and four sub-freshmen.

Feeling the need of being well represented in each class, and with a view of having a good working force in the next Freshman Class, we initiated four members of the Preparatory De-

partment. This department is recognized as an integral part of the college, and all our rivals,  $KA$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $X \Phi$ ,  $A T \Omega$ ,  $\Sigma A E$  and  $\Sigma N$  have initiated men enrolled therein. In fact, many of the very best and most intelligent fraternity men now in Emory were initiated while preps.

The chapter is in sound and healthy condition. A great revival of interest in the general fraternity is noticeable, while the study of the history, government and policy of  $\Delta T \Delta$  is steadily on the increase. We have settled all our debts, and have in the treasury a small cash balance. In short, we are on the high road to prosperity.

#### Upsilon — Rensselaer.

SINCE the last issue of THE CRESCENT, we have initiated two more members of the Class of '89, namely, Bros. Paul Hébert, of Marietta, Ga., and Laurence Martin, of Mobile, Ala. Upsilon regrets to announce the departure of Bro. Puyana, '87, who was obliged to return home on account of the war in his country. Bro. Emory is convalescent from a severe illness. We have removed all our debts, and are in a good financial condition. As Seal Agent the chapter will be glad to fill any order of the other chapters. The "rushing season" is about over, and the following list shows the initiates of the different fraternities for this year:  $Z \Psi$  two,  $\Theta \Xi$  two,  $\Delta T \Delta$  five,  $\Delta KE$  four,  $\Delta \Phi$  two,  $X \Phi$  three,  $\Theta \Delta X$  one. Bro. Bigelow, '89, has been appointed editor from his class of *The Polytechnic*, the monthly published by the Institute.

#### Delta — University of Michigan.

THE names of the men initiated this year by the Delta are as follows: C. Kirke Eddy, '89, East Saginaw, Mich.; Harry K. Gustin, '89, Bay City, Mich.; and Earnest F. Smith, '89, Pontiac, Mich. We will be able to add two more names to the above list before long.

The other fraternities represented here seem to be doing well in securing good men in the Freshman Class, and, as a rule, the fraternities at the U. of M. were never in better condition than at present. It is too early in the year to ascertain the exact number of fraternity men, but the following list is approximately correct. Chi Psi, nine; Sigma Phi, six; Alpha Delta Phi, fourteen; Delta Kappa Epsilon, eighteen; Zeta Psi, nine; Psi Upsilon, thirty; Phi Kappa Psi, twenty-four; Beta Theta Pi, eighteen; Delta Tau Delta, sixteen. This list gives no standard of judgment as to relative strength. Besides the above

there are several Greek letter societies connected with the institution, but not recognized as a part of the fraternity system. They are: Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Phi, Nu Sigma Nu, Delta Sigma, Phi Alpha, Delta Upsilon, and two soroses — Kappa Alpha Theta, and Gamma Phi Beta.

The fraternity juniors' hop will take place on the 19th of February, 1886. Our chapter hop will be sometime in the first part of January, and we hope to have a reunion at that time. The refurnishing of our house is at last completed, and we are settled down to our year's work. We have plenty of spare room for visiting Deltas, and they are always welcome. Bro. Jay J. Reed, '77, of Chicago, spent a few days with us the first of November. Bro. Will Carleton is to lecture at University Hall on the evening of February 12, 1886.

#### Mu — Ohio Wesleyan.

SINCE our last letter we have added to our number Bro. A. L. Bauker, '86. It is a peculiar fact that Chapter Mu holds the same positions this year on *The Transcript* that she held last year,—the positions of local and exchange editors, occupied last year by Bros. Austin and Magruder, being occupied this year by Bros. Arnold and Bauker.

The lack of enthusiasm in fraternity circles is especially noticeable at present. Thus far this year there have been but eight initiates into the several fraternities. Of this number,  $\Delta T \Delta$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  have each taken two, while each of the other fraternities have taken but one. Only two of these initiates are "new men," the others having been in college previous to this year. At the same time last year  $\Delta T \Delta$  herself had initiated four men, and the other fraternities had been nearly or quite as active. This marked falling off is probably due to the decrease in the attendance of male students. The female department, on the contrary, is unusually full of live and interesting material, and the lack of zeal in "rushing" men seems to be more than counterbalanced by the zeal on the part of the different fraternities in "rushing" the girls. The entire number of active fraternity men in the college at present is sixty-seven. These are distributed among the fraternities as follows:  $\Phi K \Psi$ , fifteen;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , fourteen;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , twelve;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , eleven;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , nine; and  $X \Phi$ , six.

Prof. John S. Van Cleve, '71, delivered two very interesting lectures before the students of the college last week. This is the second time Bro. Van Cleve has lectured before the college, and, if possible, he will also appear before us again next year.

**Chi — Kenyon.**

ON September 9 the cry of the valiant sons of Kenyon once more awoke from their reverie the peaceful inhabitants of the sequestered village of Gambier. It was pleasant to return the friendly greetings of those from whom one had been separated, even though it were but the short space of a summer's vacation. The term opened auspiciously, with about the usual quota of students. Though Bro. Reid and your humble servant are the only members of Chi at present, yet we are fighting the good fight, looking forward to the time when our numbers shall be considerably augmented, in consequence of which fact we may help to consummate the one great object in view—to make Delta Tau Delta not only the strongest fraternity in the land, but one whose influence in society may be as widely felt. Bro. Heins, an alumnus of Lafayette, has the department of Greek and Political Economy at Kenyon Grammar School. A more enthusiastic Delta than Bro. Heins cannot, we venture to assert, be found anywhere. Bro. Harris, '85, is engaged in business at Tyrons, Ind. Bro. Herlinger, '83, formerly a teacher of Latin and German at the Grammar School, and who, May last, was admitted to the bar, is practicing his profession at Cincinnati. The Alpha Delta Phi, consisting of nine members; Theta Delta Chi, of five members; Beta Theta Pi, five; Delta Kappa Epsilon, four; and Psi Upsilon, eleven, are our rival fraternities.

**Sigma — Columbia.**

OUR chapter now consists of nine active members. At the beginning of the year we initiated Bro. John K. Marsh, '87, of Muncie, Ind., who will represent us on the board of editors of *The Miner*. We expect soon to increase our numbers by valuable additions from the classes of '88 and '89. The chapter is more closely organized and its work is done more systematically than last year, and, consequently, we hope to make it more effective. We are gaining for ourselves a place among the chapters of the eleven or twelve fraternities represented at Columbia, which will be a credit to Delta Tau Delta. We have pleasant rooms at No. 61 East Forty-first street, where we meet every Tuesday evening. We were aided in securing and furnishing these rooms by members of other chapters, but especially are we indebted to Bro. A. P. Trautwein, Rho, '76, who has given us unhesitatingly his time and experience. If the chapter has been weak in the past, it is now upon its feet, and, if indications go for anything, is rapidly developing a healthy state of activity and growth.

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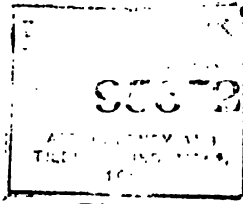
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## ME AND BILLY.

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YESTERDAY, in Washington, just in front of a pretty glass door opening directly upon Pennsylvania Avenue, I met Billy Archer. He was an '81 man in my college, and as good a fraternity worker as ever rode a pony or a goat,—but married now, and settled in “the city of magnificent distances.” You will please reserve your judgment of his present value to our order until you hear what he said to me, right there on the street. I hold that the whole fraternity system is in danger when a member of any society can, with impunity, make such statements.

First, I beg leave to remark that I'm a Delt, proud of the fact, and in no way inclined to let people forget it. Contrary to rule, I suppose, I wear a badge made expressly to my order; and if it is rather large—not one of these meaningless pins that some of the fellows wear—why, that's my affair. Badges, moreover, aren't intended to be hid under a bushel, so I wear mine on my scarf; and if the latter has several bright and pretty colors, that, again, is my affair. I claim that such a jewel should have an appropriate setting.

Well, sir, Billy—who, I fancy, never liked me very well anyhow—Billy no sooner set eyes on that badge, than he said in his exasperatingly blunt way, “Where under the canopy did you get *that* dish-cover?” By Gad, sir, those are his very words: “Where under the canopy did you get *that* dish-cover?” he says. “To be candid, I never especially admired our badge anyhow, but yours I consider quite, quite vile.”

In the seven weeks I spent at college, I learned how to bear and to forbear in frat. matters, else my wrath must have bubbled



over. But I managed to say, after a time, "Billy, I'm positively ashamed of you. That badge, sir," and I touched it fondly, "that badge calls up more pleasant recollections than any other thing I possess. I love my fraternity; everything connected with it is very dear to me, and it grates, I tell you, to have any man call this, the proof of my membership, a dish-cover!"—all this in a tone he ought never to forget; and Delt to the core as I am, I fairly tingled with rage. But after such a rebuke, sir, I'm hanged if the man didn't laugh!—*laugh*, sir! and then says to me, all at once, "Say, do you take **THE CRESCENT**?"

Now, just what **THE CRESCENT** has said lately on the subject of badges, I really don't know. An unfortunate rush of business has prevented me from subscribing, though I intended to do so long ago. So, taking no notice of his irrelevant question I said, "We'll have the badge changed at the next convention. But seriously, old fellow, men like you and me, who have been out of college for some time, and who can view things dispassionately, must admit that many changes, some radical, are really essential to the frat's prosperity. I've heard twenty fellows say so within a year—brand new initiates, too, who have none of the accumulated prejudice by which some of our older men are blinded. This is an age of investigation and reform, and if we don't join the procession pretty soon, what's to become of this quarter-century of labor? Now, I've lost not one molecule of my old-time interest, and I've often thought of suggesting to somebody on the Executive Council, that that honorable body really ought to brace up a little and do something modern, or else step down and out. There's honorary membership, now; lots of the boys would like that. I know a lot of fellows who would make things lively if they could get in—fellows with fathers, you know, and social position, and style, and all that. They'd give us tone. Men of influence and of reputation, you know—Congressmen, and"—

"Oh, yes!" he interrupted, "I favor that. Take 'em all in," pointing to the Capitol with his umbrella. "They're such a rare lot; and how glorious it would be to hear them say at

banquets, as they invariably do, how surprised they were to wake up one morning and find themselves members of 'this magnificent order,' and to know how densely and hopelessly ignorant they are of the whole thing. Oh, yes! Let's have 'em in,—maybe they could steal something for us, and, besides, the manufacture of great men seems a slow and difficult process." And he became lost in thought.

After a somewhat awkward pause, I continued: "Reforms must have authoritative origin. A chapter can mend its own ways, but what general good can it effect? I tell you that Executive Council needs a tonic. I know a good many fellows who can just give points to those men right along. The chapters need judicious management from outside, and the Council ought to look after them better."

"Well," he answered, gravely, "you are unquestionably right. The princely salary that each of these men draws from the fraternal treasury ought to secure a little more effort. They all plead other things to do; but what are their school systems, and newspapers, and iron works, and railroads for, if not to contribute to the support of this organization? By the way"—very confidentially all at once—"do you know, I've always believed *you'd* be a capital man to put on that Council? We want men of money, and leisure, and brains—college-bred men, like yourself. And, sir, if we can bring that about, why shouldn't I be made General Inspector of Chapters, with a roving commission, power of life and death, and two thousand a year with expenses? Why, there's blood in that scheme, old man!" And the man really seemed quite excited over it. I suppose he wanted to be sarcastic, or something. But as for leisure, if I didn't put in as hard a week down at the races as he did in his old law office, I'm a goat. But listen:

"There are slight objections to membership in that dignified gang," said he, "in that you are everybody's lawful prey. It's a labor of love, I tell you, and to me it is a constant wonder that anybody can be found who is willing to undertake it."

I believe that man would growl, even if he was going to be hung.

"That word reform," he went on, "about which we hear so great a hue and cry, may have a definite meaning, and again it may be very vague. It is so easy to say, and so hard to do. We have long wanted a new and strong government. Well, we're getting it. System is beginning to characterize our working. Every fraternity in America has a better government than it had ten or even five years ago. Graduate control has already proved to be the very thing we have needed in all these years. Notwithstanding all this petty fault-finding, we are broadening, and becoming more and more liberal year by year. Reforms, to be lasting, must be slow, else you have revolution. Give the new plan and the new men a chance. If I were on that Council I'd introduce a law inflicting sudden and frightful death on every Fresh who begins to call for 'reform' before he's fairly weaned. If I remember rightly, you wanted reform in certain things before you were fairly initiated." And as certain visions came to our minds, we stood and grinned at each other a long time, there in the November sunlight.

Billy broke the spell by remarking, "Heaven knows we need some changes. I think it's disgraceful that so little attention is paid to new chapters, just at a time when they most need encouragement. I think it's a shame that our men don't give to *THE CRESCENT* better literary support. I think it's criminal that chapters, and members of chapters, are so dilatory in correspondence and in reports, and that they are so neglectful of trying to pledge men for other chapters. I think we ought certainly to carry the lopping-off process considerably further. I think all the wisdom of all the ages should be exercised upon our extension. I think that as we are a secret society we should be more secret in what we say and do, for in genuine secrecy is a genuine source of strength. I think,—though you won't agree with me,—that we need a change in our manner of holding and conducting conventions, so that reports of them may be something besides 'We went, we ate, we came away.' I'm not certain but we might well abolish, among other things, the rarely successful convention banquet, which nobody really enjoys, and which not one delegate in a dozen can afford. But after all, I'm

not sure but we and our sister fraternities should very wisely begin our reform by calling in the gentlemanly Fool-killer and the polished Crank-shooter, each loaded for bear. They'd find plenty to do for a year; and when they come near certain chapters, some reformers would show great perspicacity in climbing a tree. Reform doesn't mean a new letter head, nor a banner for every chapter, nor any other addition to our spread-eagle. It must begin deeper down, in principles and in methods. It must manifest itself in enthusiasm, earnestness, solidity, unity, steady growth; in the men who are initiated, and who are graduated; in the stand taken for discipline, and scholarship, and strong character, by the men who make up our chapters. We are too apt to forget what we go to college for. The purpose of college-going ought to settle, in most cases, a man's fitness or unfitness for membership, and the justice or injustice of a chapter's claims for respect and confidence. The 'Boys-will-be-boys' principle is made to cover up a good many contemptible things, inside and outside of fraternities. 'Men must be men' would be a decided improvement, when you try to apply it to college-fellows. Our society will do much to promote the best interests of college-students if she sets her face more resolutely than she has yet done toward a standard of high scholarship. Here is an open field, and a broad outlook. It matters not what is the standard of similar societies; we should be pioneers in the venture. I don't forget that sociability is a most important requisite; but I remember that in high scholarship, and in the high character that generally accompanies it, there is a foundation for a broader future, and a means of perpetuating all that is worthy in this organization."

I brought this young enthusiast to earth again by interposing, "Yes, the fellows don't patronize *THE CRESCENT* as they should. I've always noticed that. In fact, I've been thinking of sending in some verses of my own, not much in themselves, but they might relieve the editor a little in his famine-time."

"You'd better send in some advertisements," this youth did make reply. "Frat. poetry, as a rule, is rather slushy. The boys mean well, but they aren't big enough. You might trans-

late a few German drinking songs. I'm sure you're entirely capable of rendering their spirit and fervor into appropriate English,"—and he looked at me very narrowly. "But I believe that space can be put to even better use. Societies should be practical, the reformers say. Why couldn't we devote a page or two to a Bureau of Information? Wants, Lost, Found, For Sale, and so forth,—ads. from lawyers wanting office-boys, doctors wanting stable-boys,—see what a future that would open up to some of our graduates, our honor-men! Teachers supplied with positions; Sophs. with skins and modesty; Theologs with revolvers, billies and characters! Why, man, its glorious—lots better than ranting about an imaginary Delta grandmother! But I must away. My wife's aunt told me to-day of a fellow in Georgetown who's going out West to college somewhere, and I'm going to see if I can spike him before he starts." And giving the complex but graceful and mysterious parting sign of the Order, Billy began to pursue a street car.

Well, sir, I was so dazed that I went in at the pretty glass door, and asked the bar-tender for a shampoo; and from the way my head feels this morning, I think I must have got it.

J. W. McLEAN.

## Delta Tau Delta in Literature.

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*[Devoted to Reviews and Notices of the Works of Members of the Fraternity.]*

**CITY BALLADS.** By Will Carleton (Kappa, '69). Square 8vo, 180 pp. Illustrated. New York: Harper & Bros. 1886.

Previous to the production of this, his latest work, Bro. Carleton had already endeared himself to a large and growing circle of readers by his "Farm Ballads," "Farm Legends" and "Farm Festivals;" his "City Ballads," so long and anxiously looked for by his numerous friends, promise not only to maintain, but even to intensify his popularity. In his "City Ballads" he leaves the fields and farms, hills and dales, forests and streams which have given him his inspirations for the previous works, and turns to the crowded streets of the large city for his material.

The author very ingeniously presents the effect of city life upon two widely different characters, yet both alike impressionable; the one a young man just out of college, who finds himself for the first time amid the varied scenes of a busy city; the other, an old farmer—a man with a clear head, sound judgment and shrewd philosophy of his own—who, having made a fortune through the discovery of oil on his farm, is transplanted by his rather ambitious wife into a new world. Their experiences and impressions are described in a very entertaining and instructive manner. The two views of metropolitan life are given in extracts from the note-book of Arthur Selwyn and the diary of Farmer Harrington, and are alternated throughout the book, giving a new and varied interest to almost every page. This plan of construction afforded the author many opportunities for introducing numerous episodes—humorous and pathetic—and removes from the book what might otherwise give it a rather "sketchy" character. The various phases of life in a large city are portrayed under the heads of Wealth, Want, Fire, Water, Vice, Virtue, Travel and Home. Not all of the verses are new; some of the ballads are familiar to the public through the medium of the several publications of the Harpers. We thus note among others, "Flash: The Fireman's Story;" "A Sewing-Girl's Diary," and "At the Summit of the Washington Monument."

Carleton's works, and particularly the present volume, have been

somewhat severely criticised in several newspaper reviews. No task, however, it seems to us, can be more thankless than this at the present time; for, in whatever light he may be judged in the future, it is certain that Carleton has in an eminent degree the rare faculty of touching a responsive chord in the hearts of the great masses of the people, and this in a way which few others of our American poets possess. Without the aid of criticism, if friendly; without hindrance from it, if unfriendly, his poems will always find their way to that audience to which they are particularly addressed,—the great middle class; and they will always be granted a most cordial welcome. Carleton again maintains his reputation as a true poet; his new ballads possess that same quaint humor and pathos and simplicity, they betray that same intimate knowledge of human affairs as they occur in our every-day lives, so incident to this author; a good, honest common-sense pervades them all. The rhyme, it is true, is not always perfect; there are a few instances where defects mar the style, yet none are so serious that they are not covered by the license which is readily granted to a poet, who has created a field of poetry peculiarly his own. It is doubtful whether any poet of the day can find so many appreciative readers as he.

**TORNADO STUDIES FOR 1884.** By John P. Finley (Iota, '73), Second Lieutenant, Signal Corps, U. S. A. Large 4to. Washington, D. C.: *Signal Office*. 1885.

This is known as No. 16 of the *Professional Papers of the Signal Service*, and, like Lieut. Finley's previous memoirs upon the subject, forms an important contribution to meteorological science. It consists of two maps showing the geographical distribution of the tornadoes of 1884, and the total number of tornadoes by States, with the region of the greatest storm frequency; there are 73 other charts embracing a study of the most notable tornadoes of the year. Brief descriptive notes and tables of meteorological observations accompany each chart. All of the violent wind storms and tornadoes of the year are tabulated chronologically, the table showing at a glance the principal and important features of each tornado. From these and his previous researches, Lieut. Finley is able to draw a series of valuable conclusions as to the relation of tornado centers to areas of barometric minimum and their characteristics. The work of arranging and tabulating the results of the observations by a large number of volunteer reporters, whose work is directed by Lieut. Finley, must be an enor-

mous task. His duties take him to every part of the country, following in the wake of these tornadoes for the purpose of studying their causes and effects.

Bro. Finley enjoys the distinction of being the first meteorologist who has made this subject one of special study, being detailed for this duty by the chief signal officer. He is rapidly arriving at the laws which determine the occurrence of tornadoes and their accompanying phenomena. It is but a question of time when these will be predicted with the same certainty of verification which has made the work of the Weather Bureau of such inestimable value to the country.

**ENGINEERING AS A PROFESSION.** By William Kent (Rho, '76). An address before the Alumni Association of the Stevens Institute of Technology, June 18, 1885. Reprinted from *Van Nostrand's Eclectic Engineering Magazine* for August, 1885.

**ACCURATE TRAINING.** By Ira O. Baker (Upsilon Prime, '72), Professor of Engineering in the Illinois State University. *Engineering News*, Sept. 15, 1885.

**REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF RICHMOND, IND.** 1885. 114 pp. 8vo.

We have received a copy of the above report, the greater portion of which is naturally devoted to the report of the Superintendent of Schools, Prof. J. N. Study (Mu, '72). It is thoroughly complete in all of its details and may well serve as a pattern for reports of this nature. We should judge, from a close perusal of this report and from Bro. Study's well-known energy, ability and faithfulness, that the public educational system of Richmond, one of the most thriving and prosperous towns in Indiana, is in excellent condition, and that it has attained a high state of efficiency. The success of a school system is determined in large measure by the executive ability of the Superintendent of Schools; Richmond's public schools are evidently in excellent hands.

**ELEMENTARY MECHANISM: A TEXT-BOOK FOR STUDENTS IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.** By Arthur T. Woods and Albert W. Stahl (Rho, '76). 12mo, 308 pp. 192 illustrations. New York: D. Van Nostrand. 1885.

The subject matter of this book was originally prepared for lecture-room instruction by the authors, Messrs. Woods and Stahl, both of whom are Assistant Engineers in the U. S. navy, and have been detailed for duty as Professors of Mechanical Engineering at the Illinois State University and at Purdue University respectively. The



book, as indicated in its secondary title, is primarily designed for beginners, and as such will serve a most useful purpose. It is not intended to either supplement or supplant the larger work of Prof. Willis, whose "Elements of Mechanism" is, moreover, practically out of print, nor the more recent treatises of Prof. MacCord ("Kinematics") and Prof. Reuleaux ("Kinematik"), which have a field peculiarly their own, in the more advanced courses in mechanical engineering.

The present work is plain in its language and comparatively free from the higher mathematics; it will, therefore, prove of especial value to the practicing engineer who has neither time nor inclination to follow out a complete mathematical analysis. The book possesses a feature not found, so far as we are aware, in any other treatise on this subject, in the forty practical problems, which serve to amply illustrate the application of the principles developed in the book; these are of special value both to students and engineers.

**TABLES OF SIZES OF CHIMNEYS. TABLES FOR FACILITATING CALCULATIONS OF BOILER TESTS. THE TORSION BALANCE.** Three papers read before the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, by William Kent (Rho, '76). Published in Volume VI of the Transactions of the Society, 1885.

**LOCAL ATTRACTION IN LAND SURVEYING.** By Prof. Ira O. Baker (Upsilon Prime, '72). *Engineering News*, October 31, 1885.

**HANDBOOK OF THE LAW, AND MANUAL OF FORMS.** By Henry A. Haigh (Iota, '74). 8vo, 492 pp. Detroit, Mich.: Richmond, Backus & Co. 1885.

The work which we have the pleasure of noticing is the result of a series of articles in which the *law* of the farm was set forth, originally contributed by the author to *The Michigan Farmer* and to *The American Agriculturist*. The present work is a connected and well arranged compendium of these articles, together with other information bearing upon the legal rights and liabilities in the ordinary experiences and business relations of the industrial and agricultural classes. Those branches of the law which are applicable to the rural community are therefore given special prominence; indeed, the work clearly treats and explains almost every conceivable legal question that would be of importance to farmers and artisans in the management of their property: land titles, mortgages, deeds, farm fixtures, surveys, easements, water rights and drainage, fences, highways,

nuisances, employes, leases, etc., are some of the subjects which are passed in review, and in every case amply set forth.

In addition to these the author dwells at some length upon the duties and liabilities of notaries public, on the rules of order to govern deliberative bodies, and adds a very complete glossary of the legal terms more commonly met with. One of the most valuable features of the book is a manual of forms for drawing the various legal instruments necessary in the transaction of business.

The book is not intended to dispense in all cases with the services of a lawyer. In the words of the author, "Such a claim for it would be neither reasonable nor candid; but it is hoped that its suggestions may be found useful in preventing mistakes of ignorance or carelessness, and thus help to keep its readers out of some of the entanglements of the law," and it will give its readers, in concise form, much practical information which will enable them to transact their ordinary business affairs in accordance with the accepted methods of law.

Not only to the farmer and artisan, however, but also to the law student and the young practitioner at the bar, will the book prove of interest and value. Many cases are cited to sustain and emphasize the principles of the law; these touch the subjects which will first engross the attention of the young lawyer in a rural community, and make this handbook one of especial value for his professional library. Court officers in such communities will also find it a valuable reference book.

The book is well printed, and clearly and conveniently arranged. It is in every way creditable to the author, and will doubtless continue to meet with the success which has, as we learn, thus far attended its sale.

MISCELLANEOUS POEMS.—"My Guest"; "In Soudan"; "The Old Village Depot"; "In Tempe Vale"; "The Spirit of Poetry"; "Shakspeare."

By James Newton Matthews (Upsilon Prime, University of Illinois), '72. Published in *Chicago Current*, *Indianapolis Herald*, and *Boston Transcript*.

In Brother Matthews, Delta Tau Delta can claim a true poet, a kind and genial gentleman, loved and honored by a wide circle of friends and admirers. Though but 33 years of age, during the last ten years he has written many poems for the magazines and newspapers, that have been generously and heartily received and commended by the reading public. His latest works have attracted universal attention and

admiration throughout the country. The *Boston Transcript*, one of the foremost literary journals in the East, has published several of his poems, and lent them the strong endorsement of its approval. Brother Matthews has frequently been solicited by Eastern firms for permission to include certain of his productions in books of poetical compilation, and in one of the choicest of these compilations, shortly to be issued by Mr. Oscar Fay Adams, of Cambridge, Mass., two of his poems will appear. The sweetness, tenderness and purity of Brother Matthews' lines, as well as their literary finish and artistic polish, will assure him a cultured and intelligent audience. We confidently predict that he will take a high rank among America's younger poets. In our January number we hope to publish a Delta Tau Delta song, which Brother Matthews has kindly consented to write for THE CRESCENT.

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## Editorial.

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[Subscribers will please notice that, for good and substantial reasons, the Subscription Price of THE CRESCENT has been raised from One Dollar to One Dollar and a Half per volume of nine numbers. Send remittances to the Editor-in-Chief, by Postal Note or Money Order.]

ELSEWHERE in this issue we notice at more or less length the recent efforts of the alumni of the fraternity in the varied field of literature; and, with the aid of those of our readers whose opportunities for observing the literary labors of Delta Tau's alumni are better than our own, we hope to make reviews and notices of this character more than a mere occasional feature of this journal. We fully realize that but a small proportion of the work of our graduates comes under our notice, for a large amount of good work is being done by Delta Tau Delta, young though the majority of its members are. The fraternity magazine is the proper place to record the literary successes of the alumni. Glancing over the files of other similar magazines, we cannot fail to be impressed with the small extent to which this department of the fraternity journal has heretofore been developed. Aside from THE CRESCENT, *The Star and Crescent* of Alpha Delta Phi, and, more recently, the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, are the only magazines

which have given this subject some attention, by making it the distinctive feature of an occasional issue ; and yet there is scarcely a fraternity of established reputation which could not make a very creditable showing. We hope, therefore, that our readers will co-operate with the editors in making these reviews and notices of the works of the alumni of Delta Tau Delta a more pronounced feature of this journal.

WE desire to draw the attention of our readers to the communication, elsewhere in these columns, from our correspondent at Sigma, announcing the date and place of the Annual Conference of the First Division, the fourth of the series ; and we hope that the efforts of our chapter at Columbia College, under whose auspices the conference will be held, will be attended with all desired success. It is hardly necessary, at this time, to invite attention to the beneficent results which accrue to the fraternity from these Division Conferences. Their value is, perhaps, too well understood to require any comment here. At the risk, however, of repeating what may have been said upon previous occasions, we desire to emphasize the statements of our correspondent, by briefly reviewing what seem to us the advantages of these Division Conferences. It is true that they cannot be primarily convened for business ; they constitute as yet no recognized feature in the organization of the fraternity, so far at least as the Constitution and laws are concerned ; yet they are none the less valuable adjuncts to the established methods of administration. They enable the chapters to compare notes, plans and projects ; to learn in a few hours the many little details which go to make up the methods of an active chapter ; they promote a better knowledge of the status of our sister fraternities at the several colleges, give rise to more liberal views, and serve to correct erroneous ideas which frequently obtain a footing where our chapters judge of a rival fraternity's standing elsewhere by its observations at its own college only. By bringing into contact large delegations from various colleges, the Division Conferences silently yet quite effectually tend to create a uniform standard of membership throughout the Division,—a result greatly to be desired. They serve to bring about a unity in plans for advancing the general interests of the fraternity ; to prepare drafts for projected legislation, and thus to some extent assist the work of the General Convention. They bring together large numbers of alumni and undergraduates,

most of whom, from considerations of convenience, cannot meet with the fraternity at the General Convention; to the alumni they often become the occasion for renewing old fraternity associations and of forming valuable professional acquaintances; to the undergraduates they give an opportunity of meeting personally many alumni of their own and other chapters, men eminent in their professions and in the various walks of life. The active members of the fraternity are brought into personal contact with each other, all engaged with plans for their common interests, and are enabled to gather more suggestions, more information and more instruction in matters of fraternity policy, chapter enterprises and general college undertakings, than can be imparted by the most extensive system of correspondence. While we thoroughly endorse the plan of holding these Division Conferences, we cannot forebear warning those upon whom their management devolves against indulging in undue extravagance in the way of public display. The Conference should not attempt to attain the same place in the mind of that part of the community which is more particularly interested in college and fraternity affairs, which belongs to a general fraternity convention. The latter must be conducted on a scale commensurate with the dignity and magnitude of a large fraternity, so as to favorably impress the community in the midst of which it assembles. The official taxes of the fraternity, both upon chapters and individuals, are abundantly heavy at present, and should not be increased by new expenses beyond what is necessary to conduct these Conferences in a decent yet not extravagant manner.

DURING the last week of 1859, Delta Tau Delta was ushered into existence at Bethany College, under circumstances which did not then promise to favor its remarkable development into the vigorous and influential organization that it is to-day. Our founders, it may truly be said, "builded better than they knew" when they laid the foundations of the Fraternity; they never, even in their most sanguine hopes, expected to see the substantial superstructure which has been raised upon the foundations which they provided, and with the materials which they had on hand. In the words of one of them, Bro. Hunt, borrowed from Horace, "*exegi monumentum aere perennis*," they may, indeed, feel pardonably proud of their work. The dates of the several meetings which led to the formation of the Fraternity are not known definitely at this time, and all but the main incidents of those days have been

forgotten by the actors in those scenes. The records of that time were lost or destroyed during the stirring days of the Civil War, which led to the disbandment of the young society and the crippling of the college which had harbored it. By common consent, therefore, the first of January, 1860, is recognized as the time from which the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity dates its existence. The first day of every new year, then, aside from its usual significance in men's affairs, is ever to be memorable as one of the red letter days in the history of our Fraternity. We hope that henceforth, now that Delta Tau Delta has entered well upon its second quarter-century, due cognizance will be taken by all of our chapters of the import of this day, and that some celebration or ceremony will be devised which would be appropriate to this occasion and make it what it should be, one of peculiar significance among the customs and traditions of the Fraternity. Of the seven men whom Delta Tau Delta now honors and recognizes as her founders, five are still living. John L. N. Hunt is engaged in the practice of the law and takes a prominent part in the councils of the republican party in New York City. William R. Cunningham and Alexander C. Earle are active in the ministry of the Disciple Church, the former at Odessa, Mo., the latter at Arkadelphia, Ark. J. S. Low is professor in the State Normal School, Geneva, Ohio, and Eugene Tarr is practicing law at Wellsburgh, W. Va. To all of them Delta Tau Delta, in addition to the usual compliments of the season, sends greeting as the honored fathers of the Fraternity. In their health and prosperity we shall always feel a deep and lasting interest, and we trust that a good Providence will grant this to them for a time much beyond the average life of man.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COPIES of the fifth General (first Biographical) Catalogue of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, 8vo, 392 pp., bound in cloth, boards, at \$3.25, by mail, post paid, can be obtained upon application to the catalogue agent, A. P. TRAUTWEIN, Hoboken, N. J.

THE Fourth Annual Conference of the First Grand Division, will be held in New York City, on the 22nd day of February, 1886, under the auspices of Chapter Sigma.

## The Greek World.

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THE late Vice-President, Thomas A. Hendricks, was a member of the class of 1841, at Hanover College. There was no fraternity at Hanover until many years after his college days were over. The officiating clergymen at his funeral, held in Indianapolis, December 1, 1885, were Bishop Knickerbocker,  $\Psi T$ , and the Rev. Dr. Jenckes,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . The Supreme Court was represented by Mr. Justice Blatchford,  $A \Delta \Phi$ , and Mr. Justice Matthews,  $B \Theta II$ . The fraternity men among the members of the Cabinet present were Mr. Secretary Whitney,  $\Psi T$ ; Mr. Secretary Lamar,  $\Sigma A E$ , and Postmaster General Vilas,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Among the Senators were Mr. Allison,  $A \Delta \Phi$ ; General Harrison,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ; Mr. Palmer,  $X \Psi$ ; ex-Governor Vance,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , and Mr. Voorhees,  $B \Theta II$ . Among the members of Congress were General Browne,  $\Delta T \Delta$ ; Mr. Bynum,  $B \Theta II$ ; Major Cobb,  $\Sigma X$ ; Colonel Herbert,  $\Delta K E$ ; Judge Holman,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ; Colonel Matson,  $B \Theta II$ ; ex-Minister Phelps,  $\Psi T$ ; Mr. Springer,  $B \Theta II$ , and Judge Ward,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Among the pallbearers were Governor Gray,  $\Sigma X$ ; Mayor McMaster,  $\Delta T \Delta$ , and Judge Woods,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Captain Curtis,  $\Delta T \Delta$ , commanded the Indianapolis Light Artillery, which fired the salute at Crown Hill Cemetery.

THE  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  Chapter, at the University of the South, still continues the initiation of purely honorary members. In the October *Scroll* the correspondent of that fraternity announces the initiation of Professor G. White, a graduate of Harvard, and Professor of the English Language and Literature; and in the November number follows this up with the announcement that Dr. J. W. S. Arnold, Professor of Geology and Chemistry, had been admitted to membership. The belief had been growing upon us that in these days no reputable fraternity persists in going beyond the ranks of the undergraduates for additions to its membership, preferring to build up its own

prominent men from the material now to be found in our colleges; at all events, Delta Tau Delta has long ago conclusively legislated upon this subject. We confess to a feeling of surprise that Phi Delta Theta still runs in the old rut, now so generally discarded.

THE Fifty-ninth Annual Convention of  $\Delta \Phi$  was held in New York, November 25, 26 and 27, under the auspices of the Columbia Chapter, which numbers among its members, past and present, Delafields, Livingstons, Rhinelanders, Suydams, Van Cortlandts, Astors, Leroy's, Van Rensselaers, Cuttings, Beekmans, Kernochans, Edgars, and many others well known in New York. Delegates were present from each of the ten chapters. A dinner was held at the Brunswick, between eighty and ninety being present. Provision was made by the Convention for the establishment of alumni chapters in several cities.

THE Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of  $\Theta \Delta X$  was held in New York November 18, 19 and 20. The Convention was very successful,—over fifty delegates, representing sixteen colleges, being in attendance. *The Shield*, the organ of the society, will be published hereafter in New York. At the banquet, covers were laid for seventy-five, and many of the most prominent alumni were present. The next Convention will be held in Boston, in November, 1886, under the auspices of the Bowdoin Chapter. The Convention of '85 was directed by the Hamilton Chapter.

At the University of Georgia the fraternities have lately bound themselves not to enter into any combinations for political purposes during the present college year. A similar arrangement was agreed upon last year; and its renewal would seem to establish the feasibility of doing away with one of the strongly-urged objections to the fraternity system.

WILLIAM T. REID, late President of the University of California, is a Beta Theta Pi; his name is also found in the catalogue of Zeta Psi, as of Harvard, '68; Rev. Day O. Kellogg, orator of the Baltimore Convention of  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 1881, is also a  $\Theta \Delta X$ , Hobart, '57.



THE Annual Convention of Chi Phi was held in New York, November 18 and 19. Fifty-four delegates from twenty-two chapters were present. On the evening of the 19th, the delegates and resident alumni, to the number of about one hundred, enjoyed the annual banquet, at the Hotel Brunswick.

$B \Theta \Pi$  has at last established a chapter at the Ohio State University, by absorbing the local Phi Alpha. The chapter was established December 11, 1885.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  has established a chapter at the University of Michigan, with twelve charter members, five of whom were already members of the fraternity.

THE members of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, resident in New York, had their Annual Banquet, at the Hotel Brunswick, on November 20.

$\Delta K E$  has re-organized her chapter at the University of Alabama, twenty men being enrolled as charter members.

JULIAN HAWTHORNE delivered the address at the Chicago Reunion of Delta Kappa Epsilon, on November 30.

PROF. WM. LATHAM, lately called to a chair in the University of Mississippi, is a  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

THE badge of  $\Delta X \Omega$  is a golden lyre, and her colors are scarlet and bronze green.

THE fraternities at Vanderbilt University will this year publish an annual.

$K \Sigma$  has established a chapter at Purdue.

## Alumni of Delta Tau Delta.

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### Phi—Hanover.

'81, Clarence E. Brandt was ordained to the diaconate in the Protestant Episcopal Church, by Bishop Knickerbocker, in St. Mark's Church, Lima, Ind., May 21, 1885.

'85, J. Story H. Goodykontz, is Deputy Recorder of Madison County, Ind.

'85, James H. Hamilton is in the Third National Bank at Greensburg, Ind.

'85, Lum R. Melcher, is Principal of the High School at Vevay, Ind.

'85, Robert H. Olmsted is attending the Law School of the University of Cincinnati.

### Alpha—Allegheny.

'77, L. E. Fuller, the popular secretary of the Bradford (Pa.) Oil Exchange, and Miss Kate M. Groves, were married recently in Bradford.

'78, James Doughty is practicing law in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

'79, Rev. C. B. Mitchell, delivered a lecture, entitled, "What will Mrs. Grundy say?" before the M. E. Assembly of Kansas, at Bismarck Grove, on June 18. The daily organ of the assembly pronounced the lecture a decided success, and Bro. Mitchell "a fine speaker, eloquent and witty, and a perfect master of irony."

'80, Sol. Chryst is practicing law at Warren, Ohio.

'80, C. A. Ensign and Miss Jennie Jacobs were united in marriage at Youngstown, Ohio, on October 1.

'80, Rev. C. E. Locke, at the East Ohio Conference, was returned to Garrettsville.

'81, J. R. Andrews is practicing law at Meadville, Pa.

'81, J. A. Wann is one of the most promising lawyers at the Canton, O., bar.

'87, W. G. Power is deputy sheriff for Crawford Co., with headquarters at Meadville, Pa.

'87, E. Merrick is teaching school at Tunnel, Jackson Co., N. C.

'86, C. B. Kistler has gone into the carriage, wagon and harness business at Warren, O.

'84, R. S. Tate is assistant bookkeeper with the Westinghouse Air Brake Co., Allegheny City, Pa.

'83, W. C. Fish is employed by the Meadville Glass Co.

'79, C. H. Bruce is giving good satisfaction as a Reverend at Union City, Pa.

'78, O. F. Nodine is traveling abroad for study and enjoyment.

'76, C. T. Newlon is in the oil business at Washington, Pa.

'72, J. D. McCoy is in the oil business at Oil City, Pa.

'84, Ed. Hughes is deputy prothonotary of Venango Co., with headquarters at Franklin, Pa.

#### **Beta Beta—DePauw.**

'76,—At the meeting of the South-east Indiana Conference, at Brookville, in September, the Rev. Fernandes C. Holliday, D.D., was stationed at Rushville, and the Rev. Virgil W. Tevis, '78, was stationed at Columbus. The Rev. Dr. Holliday was also re-elected a Trustee of DePauw University—a position which he has held for almost forty years, he now being the senior member of the board.

'85, Samuel E. Crose is studying medicine with Dr. Gonsalvo C. Smythe, in Greencastle.

'85, W. Boyd Johnson is Instructor in Physics in the Indianapolis High School. He was married in Greencastle, August 6, 1885, to Miss Ida R. V. Paxton, A.B. (DePauw, '80).

'85, Oliver M. Matson has been elected Assistant Librarian of DePauw University, and entered upon his duties at the opening of the college year.

'73, The Rev. John Clark Mahin, a clergyman in the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died of consumption at his home in Battle Ground, Ind., February 6,

1885. He was born a few miles from the place of his death, August 26, 1833.

'85, Charles F. Neuffer is studying law with the Hon. John H. Barker, at Goshen, Ind.

'86, Robert P. A. Berryman is a member of the senior class at Wabash College, and will graduate there in June.

'87, Edgar W. Chittenden is clerking in the Bowen-Merrill Company's book store, Indianapolis.

'80, Married, Wednesday evening, December 2, 1885, at the Presbyterian Church, Somerset, Ky., Miss Flonnie C. Hall to Mr. William A. Morrow.

'86, Henry McEnery, a son of ex-Gov. McEnery, of Louisiana, is practicing medicine in New Orleans.

'83, John J. Collins is studying law at the University of Virginia.

#### Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

'70, Ed. D. Curtis has removed to No. 71 North Eighth St., Portland Oregon.

'70, Rev. Washington Gardner, pastor of the First Church, Jackson, delivered an admirable address at the Grant Memorial Services in the M. E. Church at Ionia, August 2, which he repeated at Jackson, on the day of the funeral obsequies, August 8. The address was published in full in the daily papers, and has since been issued in pamphlet form.

'71, Prof. Justin N. Study represented Indiana in the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, at Buffalo, in June. He has been re-elected Superintendent of the Public Schools at Richmond, Ind., with an increased salary.

'72, President William H. Sweet, of Baker University, received the degree of D.D., from Chaddock College, last commencement.

'72, D. Y. Murdoch for some time has been secretary of the East Ohio Conference.

'71, L. M. Davis, of the Cincinnati Conference, is moved to Lynchburg.

'72, G. W. Dubois, Cincinnati Conference, is stationed at Hamilton, Ohio.

'74, B. F. Dimmick has received an appointment to one of the finest charges in the Cincinnati Conference,—Grace Church, Dayton, Ohio.

'82, at Washington C. H., Ohio, on the evening of October 28, T. W. Marchant and Miss Anna V. Dahl were united in marriage.

'82, At McArthur, Ohio, October 26, occurred the marriage of B. F. McElfresh and Miss Alice L. Fenton.

'85, A. B. Austin is attending Drew Theological Seminary.

'85, E. H. Anderson is studying law, Emporia, Kansas.

'85, M. M. Elliott is studying law, Bellevue, Ohio.

'85, D. H. Holmes is Principal of High School, Sheffield, Mass.

'85, E. B. Lease is professor in Little Rock University, Little Rock, Ark.

'72, Governor-elect Foraker, of Ohio, has selected General Henry A. Axline, of Zanesville, O., for Adjutant-General of the state of Ohio. General Axline was Assistant Adjutant-General during Governor Foster's administration.

#### Kappa — Hillsdale.

'85, John F. Thompson is an instructor in the High School at Richmond, Indiana. Prof. Justin N. Study (Mu '71) is superintendent of schools in that city. Albert B. Porter (Rho '83) is also an instructor in the High School there.

'70, The Rev. Benjamin F. Newton is the rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, St. Louis, Mo.

'85, Jos. Cummins, with headquarters at Chicago, is in the employ of Harper Bros., New York, introducing school text books.

'86, Married — At Kalamazoo, November 1, Bro. F. W. Corbett, principal of the Reading, Mich., schools, and Miss Allie Cushman, of Petoskey.

'87, E. L. Mills is the assistant of L. E. Dow, '87, in the Homer, Mich., schools.

'85, Frank Smith, to whom at graduation the mathematical

prize was awarded, has been retained in Hillsdale College, as assistant in the department of mathematics.

'84, O. W. Waldron is for the second year the popular pastor at Marion, O.

'84, C. E. Root is studying law in Hillsdale.

'69, Carleton's "City Ballads" were issued from the press of the Harpers in August, and have received a warm and favorable greeting by almost the entire newspaper press.

'73, Rev. L. A. Crandall, of New York, acted as Assistant Clerk of the New York Southern Baptist Association, at its meeting in that city on October 6-8, 1885.

'83, Ed. F. Parmelee is editor of *The Charlevoix Sentinel*, Charlevoix, Mich. He is joint proprietor of the paper under the firm of Smith & Parmelee.

#### Sigma—Columbia.

'82, John B. Lynch is a senior in the New York University Medical School.

'83, Edward W. Clarke, A.B., A.M., is a senior in the Medical Department of Columbia College.

'83, Edward H. Apgar, A.B., A.M., Ph.D., LL.B., was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court last April.

'83, E. H. P. Squire, A.B., LL.B., is an attorney and counsellor in White Plains.

'83, F. F. Martinez, Jr., will soon open an office as an architect in New York.

'84, C. C. Davis is an attorney in Rochester.

'84, L. S. Berheimer is an attorney and counsellor in New York city.

'84, Fred. E. Buckingham, C.E., is an engineer in the Brooklyn Water Works.

'84, Christopher B. Carter, A.B., is in a real estate office at 111 Broadway, New York.

'84, Charles B. Rowland, C.E., and Sam G. Tibbals, C.E., are with the Continental Iron Works, Brooklyn, L. I.

'85, James Walden Cleland is an attorney and counsellor in New York.

**Beta Theta — University of the South.**

'85, Rev. N. B. Harris is preaching at Madison, Fla. He has lately been in charge of one of the largest churches in Memphis.

'84, R. M. W. Black is in the class of '89 at West Point.

'85, Rev. H. O. Riddel is in charge of the mission at Cumberland Furnace, Tenn. He has a flourishing mission there, and is, we understand, a great favorite with his congregation.

'85, Rev. Rowland Hale is assisting Rev. W. G. G. Thompson at Fayetteville, Tenn., and other adjacent points, in an extensive mission work.

'83, C. P. Matthews is in the cotton business at Atlanta, Ga.

**Nu Prime — Indiana University.**

'84, William A. Johnson is the junior member of the firm of Oyler & Johnson, attorneys at law, Franklin, Ind.

'74, George W. Wiggs may be found either at 309 Royal Insurance Building, or at 1432 Michigan avenue, Chicago. He recently purchased *The Chicago Current*, the leading literary paper of the West.

'72, *The Indianapolis Journal*, speaking of the Congressional delegation from Indiana to the Forty-ninth Congress, says: "Gen. Thomas M. Browne, by his long experience in Congress, his age and preëminent ability as a lawyer and statesman, of course stands out most conspicuously in the delegation."

'72, The Hon. James A. Wildman, who from 1881 to 1885 was the Postmaster of Indianapolis, is now the Business Manager of *The Indianapolis Journal*.

**Gamma — Washington and Jefferson.**

'62, Dr. R. S. Sutton, of Pittsburg, was elected President of the American Academy of Medicine at the annual meeting held in New York recently.

'79, Married, October 15, 1885, at the home of the bride's parents in Louisville, Ky., by the Rev. Dr. Perkins, Rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, Miss Carrie Baxter,

daughter of ex-Mayor Baxter, of Louisville, to Mr. Charles W. Sisson.

'83, C. B. Reid is attending Columbia Law School, New York.

'84, A. W. Kennon is attending the Cincinnati Law School.

#### Rho — Stevens.

'75, James E. Denton is a member of the firm of Jones, Denton & Co., contractors under O'Brien & Clark's contract on the new Croton Aqueduct, North Yonkers, N. Y. He has been requested to deliver one of a series of lectures before the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, this winter, and has chosen for his subject "Some Practical Examples of the Conservation of Energy." He will deliver the lecture some time during February.

'75, T. F. Koeszly is with Jones, Denton & Co., North Yonkers, N. Y.

'76, William Kent was Chairman of the Local Committee which managed the very successful meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at Atlantic City, N. J. He delivered the President's Address before the Alumni Association of the Stevens Institute of Technology, in June, choosing for his subject, "Engineering as a Profession." It was printed in *Van Nostrand's Eclectic Engineering Magazine* for August. At the Ann Arbor meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in August, he was elected Secretary of Section D, that of Mechanical Science. He is Secretary and General Manager of the United States Torsion Balance and Scale Company, 92 Reade street, New York.

'76, A. W. Stahl, conjointly with Mr. Arthur T. Woods, Assistant Engineer U. S. N., has recently published his book, entitled "Elementary Mechanism : A Textbook for Students in Mechanical Engineering."

'77, F. B. Idell is temporarily acting as Instructor in Mathematics at the Stevens Institute of Technology.

'77, John Rapelje is General Roadmaster of the Denver, South Park & Pacific Railroad, with headquarters at Denver, Col.

'80, George M. Bond was elected Fellow of the American



Association for the Advancement of Science, at its Ann Arbor meeting, and is the youngest Fellow, but one, of that Association. He will read a paper on "Standards for Pipe Threads" at the Boston meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

'81, Charles A. Gifford is an architect in Newark, N. J., and is building up a good practice.

'82, Will L. Breath is draughting for Mr. A. Cary Smith, of New York, the designer of the well-known yacht, "Priscilla."

'83, Malcom McNaughton has a position with William Kent, '76, in the U. S. Torsion Balance and Scale Co., New York.

'83, During the past six months Joseph E. Steward has been inspecting bridge material for the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad Company. His duties took him to the Mills at Pittsburgh, Pottstown and Pottsville, Pa. He is now at the Union Bridge Company's Works, at Buffalo, N. Y.

'84, J. A. Bensei became a junior member of the American Society of Civil Engineers during June.

'84, E. H. Foster, Kenneth Torrance and C. W. Whiting became junior members of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at the Atlantic City meeting.

'84, William L. Lyall is with the firm of J. & W. Lyall, New York, manufacturers of the Lyall Positive Motion Loom.

'85, A. G. Glasgow, just before his graduation, entered the employ of the United Gas Improvement Company, of Philadelphia, of which A. C. Humphreys, '81, is Gen'l Superintendent.

'85, R. H. Rice is in the shops of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad, at Denison, Ohio.

'88, George Phipps is clerk in a broker's office, at 53 Exchange Place, New York.

#### Iota — Michigan State College.

'73, During 1885 Prof. R. C. Carpenter contributed a series of articles on "Practical Farm Drainage" to *The Rural New Yorker*.

'73, John P. Finley's "Tornado Studies for 1884" was recently published by the Signal Bureau at Washington.

'73, Benjamin T. Halstead is Prosecuting Attorney for Manitou County, Mich., and Supervisor of Emmet County.

'74, Henry A. Haigh has recently published his "Handbook of the Law and Manual of Forms." He is a practicing lawyer in Detroit, Mich.; was Assistant Secretary of the Republican State Convention of 1885, and is President of the Michigan Club of Detroit.

'75, O. E. Angstman was poet at the Triennial Meeting of the Alumni Association of the State College, his subject being "An Epic of '61."

'75, W. L. Carpenter is a member of the law firm of Case & Carpenter, Buhl Block, Detroit, Mich.

'75, Rev. Robert Gardner Baird, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, and for many years intimately identified with the interests of the State Agricultural College, died on August 4, 1885, at Lansing, Mich.

'76, H. S. Hampton is a lawyer at Alban, Idaho, and Prosecuting Attorney of Casca County.

'77, Arthur B. Peebles is a Congregational minister at Salt Lake City, Utah.

'77, James A. Porter is a lawyer in Greeley, Colorado.

'78, Eugene Davenport read the "History" at the Triennial Meeting of the Alumni of the Michigan State College in August.

'78, C. E. Herrington is now Prosecuting Attorney for Oakland County, Mich.

'79, Roderick B. Norton is farming near Arkansas City, Kan.

'80, Cyrus T. Crandall is Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Marquette County, at Marquette, Mich.

'81, Byron S. Palmer is a dentist in Chicago, Ill.

'81, Ambrose E. Smith is a practicing physician at New Buffalo, Mich.

'83, Herbert W. Collingwood is now on the editorial staff of *The Rural New Yorker*. He was the author of the prize story in *The Evening News*, Detroit, 1881, his subject being "An Easter Offering." Also of "Christmas at Cooney Camp," published in *The Detroit Evening News*, 1882, and republished in the following year in Edward Everett Hale's "Christmas in a

Palace." In 1884 he was Poet of the Mississippi Press Association; his poem, "The Editor's Girl," has been extensively printed throughout the South."

**Sigma Second — Mount Union.**

'78, Married, in Terre Haute, Ind., Miss Virginia Thompson, daughter of Col. Richard W. Thompson, ex-Secretary of the Navy, to Mr. David W. Henry.

'78, H. J. Hays is a prominent lawyer of the firm of Hays & Hays, at Sullivan, Ind.

**Beta — Ohio University.**

'66, Benjamin F. Drury, it now appears, died some ten years ago at Kansas City, Mo., where he was connected with *The Times*,—on its editorial staff.

'69, William S. Eversole was reëlected Superintendent of Public Schools, Wooster, Ohio, for a term of three years from September 1, 1885.

'73, Dr. Richard Gundy was present at the annual meeting of the Association of Charities and Correction, held at Washington, D. C., some time ago.

**Theta—Bethany.**

'82, Rev. H. K. Pendleton resigned as pastor of the Central Christian Chapel, New Albany, Ind., and left Nov. 3, to accept that of the Hazelwood Christian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

'81, T. H. Stucky, M.D., delivered the opening address at the Female School of Pharmacy, Louisville, Ky.

'73, W. C. Buchanan, who shares with Bro. Weems the honor of founding THE CRESCENT, has removed from Fargo, Dak., to Minneapolis, Kan.

'85, F. M. Dowling is teaching at Mt. Healthy, O.

'85, A. D. Dowling is at Alliance, O.

'85, Gov. Smith is in business at Platte City, Mo.

'85, D. S. Gay is now at his home in Winchester, Ky.

## Chapter Letters.

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### Xi—Simpson.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Delta world our latest addition, Bro. T. N. Franklin, '89, of Manteno, Iowa. This makes us seven strong, enthusiastic actives. In addition to this we have nine alumni, also Bro. A. V. Proudfoot, ex-'87, residing in the city, who take a lively interest in the chapter, and not unfrequently favor us with their presence. Bro. W. T. Morris, '89, was compelled to leave college a few weeks since, by reason of poor health. Our Chapter Hall, in the Buxton Block, sports an elegant new sign on its front, a large badge of the fraternity painted in gilt and black. We acknowledge the pleasure of a short visit from Bro. H. B. Lowrie, '85, of Beta Iota, recently. He was returning to his home in Elgin, Ill., and stopped off for a few hours with us. Bros. Ashby, Kennedy, Conrad and Wright have been other recent visitors.

Of our rivals, the tendency of the Phi Kappa Psi has always been toward a large chapter. At present they have an active membership of twenty. The growth of the Alpha Tau Omega is characterized by conservatism; they number four. Our own policy has been to maintain a moderately small chapter of select men; believing that in this way we can accomplish better results.

### Beta Kappa—University of Colorado.

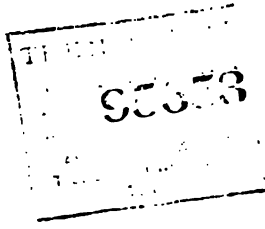
We have the pleasure of introducing to the Delta world Bro. C. H. Pierce, '87, of Boulder. We expect to initiate another man at our next meeting. This will make the number of our active members eight. We have put new curtains, table and other furniture in our chapter hall, and are improving its appearance as fast as we are able. Bro. Stanton came up from Denver to attend our last meeting to see that Bro. Pierce was properly treated. Bro. Noxon has been detained by illness at his home in Idaho Springs, but expects to return soon. Bro.

W. J. Thomas returned from Germany in October, and spent a few days with his friends in Boulder.

#### Sigma — Columbia.

SINCE my last letter Sigma has taken from the Class of '87 another brother in the person of Mr. A. L. Burns, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Bro. Burns is Vice President of the Class of '87 in the School of Mines. The necessary work for the publication of *The Columbiad* and *The Miner* of this year is now being pushed vigorously forward. These annuals are being published by the junior classes in the Schools of Arts and Mines, *The Columbiad* belonging to the Arts, and *The Miner* to the Mines. They will appear about the 1st of February. In each will be published a complete list of the fraternities represented at Columbia, with the names of the men in each fraternity chapter.

The next Conference of the First Division will be held in New York City on February 22, 1886, under the auspices of Chapter Sigma. Bro. Will Carleton will preside. The arrangements are not yet completed, but as soon as they are they will be published. If members of the fraternity who are attending professional schools in New York or vicinity, or any others who may be in the city at that time, will send their addresses to the Chapter Secretary of Sigma, they will receive full notice of the arrangements when complete. Last year's Conference was well attended, and was a success. It is hoped that each member in the First Division, who possibly can, will this year avail himself of this opportunity of becoming acquainted with his brother Deltas, and of aiding in the transaction of important business likely to come before the Conference.



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## LADIES' FRATERNITIES.

### *Delta Gamma Anchora.*

NEARLY one hundred years after the establishment of the first college secret society by gentlemen, four young ladies at Asbury University, Greencastle, Ind., realized the advantages, and feeling the need of such a society for themselves, founded the first chapter of the Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity. Other ladies have followed the initiative taken by them, until there are now in existence nine ladies' fraternities, of greater or less note. Next in order of seniority come Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma. Kappa Alpha Theta has extended its boundaries until it now includes twelve chapters (possibly more), and a membership of more than five hundred. Although it has a few honorary members, it does not encourage their admission. Kappa Kappa Gamma has been one of the most successful and prosperous of the ladies' fraternities. Originating at Monmouth, Ill., in October, 1870, it has continued to grow until it has now a list of chapters numbering at least eighteen, and a membership of about one thousand. With justifiable pride its members point to Mrs. Mary A. Livermore as an honorary member of their fraternity. Delta Gamma, the youngest of these three, first existed as a fraternity in 1874. It now includes twelve active chapters and about three hundred members. As is natural, the relative strength and members of these three fraternities is somewhat proportional to the number of conventions held. The conventions of Kappa Kappa Gamma have been seven in number, of Kappa Alpha Theta five, and of Delta Gamma three.

Two of the ladies' societies, believing that the eternal fitness of things ought to be maintained, have consistently designated themselves a *sorority* and *sorosis* respectively. The first of these, Gamma Phi Beta, with four charter members, was established at Syracuse University in 1874, and up to this time has confined itself to large and well-known institutions, having, as yet, however, only two charters—one at Syracuse, N. Y., and the other at Ann Arbor, Mich. Its present membership is about eighty. Of the origin of the society calling itself a *sorosis* we have no definite knowledge, but learn from one of its recent publications that it has a chapter roll of fourteen, and held its eighth national convention last year. The society is called the I. C., and evidently includes in its membership many talented young ladies.

Another society, whose policy has been to confine itself to the larger schools, was founded at the Syracuse University in 1872, with five charter members. This society, known as the Alpha Phi, placed its second chapter at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and at last account had a total membership of about one hundred and thirty. Miss Frances Willard, the well-known temperance lecturer, is one of its members.

Of the remaining societies we know but little. The Alpha Beta Tau is a ladies' society of two chapters, both in Oxford, Miss. The Sigma Kappa is a ladies' society founded at Colby University in 1874, and the Phi Alpha Psi is a society recently founded at Meadville, Pa. As it frequently occurs that two or more of these societies are situated in the same school, there is often a local rivalry between them, especially as to honor and standing in the college, and gaining desirable members. This rivalry may exist so that no hard feeling results, and each society, having the stimulus of the others, may increase its activity and powers. On the contrary, the spirit of rivalry may be carried to such an extent that bitter enmities and hatreds are incurred. When this is the case the true spirit of any fraternity is violated, and chapters conducting themselves in such a manner had better be abolished at once, than live to disgrace the name of *fraternity*.

At a college where two or more ladies' fraternities exist,

and the college and social life is entirely harmonious, the question is sometimes asked by outsiders, "Why do not these societies unite and form one stronger body?" The answer may be usually given that the founders of these chapters were ladies of different social tastes and habits, and in their selection of members afterward, have chosen such as were congenial and similar to themselves. A remark recently made by a young gentleman in our own college illustrates more forcibly than elegantly, perhaps, the strong individuality of each fraternity. The remark was, "I can tell an *xyz* girl as far as I can see her."

Another question propounded by outsiders is, "Why are not all college girls members of fraternities?" We would answer this question by dividing the non-fraternity members into four classes. First, intelligent, agreeable young ladies, who, though they have had invitations, do not care to join a fraternity. Second, intelligent young ladies who lack the requisite social qualities of a fraternity member. Third, young ladies who are agreeable, and perhaps talented in some directions, who are still not up to the intellectual standard. Fourth, and a rare class in college, young ladies who, though they might have other qualifications, are wanting in principle. It is a self-evident fact that any one of these would be out of place in a fraternity, and that it would be neither for their own benefit or pleasure, nor that of the chapter, to join them. Consequently there is no valid reason for any one not a member of a fraternity to feel either grieved or slighted on that account. We, each and all, owe allegiance and friendship to the fraternity and sisters to whom we belong, but none the less do we owe love and helpfulness to all our sisters, whether or not in the bounds of the same narrow society. It is well that the standard of all ladies' fraternities is high, for though their influence is measured in some degree by what they say and do, it is far more definitely and exactly measured by what they are.

[*A X Ω* was recently organized by ladies of the De Pauw Music College, and *Ω T X*, another new ladies' fraternity, has appeared at the Ohio University.—EDITOR CRESCENT.]



## YALE SENIOR SOCIETIES.

*Phi Kappa Psi Shield.*

THE great aim of every ambitious sub-Freshman coming to Yale—an aim based upon the representations of all his Yale friends, graduate and undergraduate, is to be elected to one of the two Senior societies when he shall have attained to the dignity of a Senior. Men strive for an election as being an honor higher than any other they can obtain during their course; and happy is he whose desires are realized, and who is invited to wear the badge of “Skull and Bones,” or “Scroll and Key.” No other American college has anything approaching these Senior societies of Yale, and the “Bones” and “Keys” men—as they are called in college vernacular—are representatives of a truly unique system. It is, indeed, *sui generis*. The older of the two societies, and generally considered the more desirable, is “Bones.” Founded at Yale in 1832, its true origin is shrouded in mystery. Tradition has it that it is an off-shoot of a similar society in a German University, and that these two chapters are the only two in existence. The numerals 322, which occur on the society cut, are popularly supposed to refer to 322 B. C., and, according to the author of “Four Years at Yale,” are connected with the names of Alexander or Demosthenes. Whatever these reverend gentlemen may have had to do with the origin of “Bones,” fades off into the realms of the fantastically visionary, but the awe possessed by the “Bones” men for their society is prodigious. The “Keys” society was founded in 1841, and has no current mystery attaching to its origin. It was patterned after “Bones” from the start, and at first was considered a very insignificant rival; but to-day it is looked upon as almost equal. The “Bones” men, as a rule, are elected for prominence in athletics, scholarship, or for some other distinction; but the “Keys” men—although this element is not neglected—are elected with great regard for their good fellowship, and are, as a rule, a jollier set. The membership in either society is limited to fifteen. On the afternoon upon which the elections

are given out, a great crowd of collegians—some hoping for election and the greater some simply present as spectators—is assembled in the quadrangle in front of Durfee, the principal building of the Academic department. The windows are filled with students and their lady friends, invited to see the customary procedure. At length two men—members of the two societies—come in absolute silence into the quadrangle and mingle with the crowd, each seeking his man. Their solemn visages are not moved by the facetious remarks made by the spectators in order to break their solemnity. When each has found his man, he claps him on the shoulder and follows him at once to his room. Arrived there, after the usual question and reply—"Are we alone?" "We are"—the Senior informs the Junior that he has been elected to the "Bones" or "Keys." If he accepts, the member at once returns to his hall to inform his society of the result. After them in order come two other men into the crowd and take with them their men—and so on until each member of the society has taken his man, and the fifteen are made up. All this is conducted on the part of the Senior society men with unbroken silence, while the crowd in the quadrangle cheers or expresses quiet dissatisfaction as the men elected happen to be considered worthy or unworthy. It is said the "Keys" men know previous to their coming into the quadrangle that they will be selected; but the aspirant to "Bones" is in painful and expectant doubt until he is made certain one way or the other on that afternoon. The initiation takes place a few days afterward.

An amusing reverence is possessed by society men for anything appertaining in any way to their society or its customs. When at the door of their hall or within the shadow of its sacred walls, a member will not speak to his best friend. The badge worn conspicuously on the neck-tie, often causes remark by persons not understanding its significance; but a "Bones" or "Keys" man is affected with sudden deafness when addressed on such a point, and hastens to quit the uncomfortable presence of such enquirers. Instances are given of their ministering to sick brothers without noticing by slightest sign or signal the presence of his room-mate, who was not a member of the society.

No allusion is ever made to the society when in the hearing of anybody not a member, and absolute secrecy is maintained on all its actions. A third Senior society, known as the Wolf's Head, was founded in 1883, but has not attained much prominence as yet. It possesses a hall of its own, and the membership is also limited to fifteen.

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### FRATERNITIES IN OHIO.

#### *Phi Delta Theta Scroll.*

IN 1835 the fraternity system was introduced into Ohio, when  $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$  placed her second chapter at Miami. Prior to 1833 Greek letter societies were unknown outside of Union and Hamilton colleges, N. Y. In that year  $K \Lambda$  entered Williams, in Mass., followed in 1834 by  $\Sigma \Phi$ . Ohio was the third State to shelter the Greeks, and at the time there were but a total of eight chapters in existence.\*

Thus we see the fraternity system is more venerable in the Buckeye than in most Eastern States.

For four years the Miami of  $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$ , which had been established under the personal supervision of Samuel Eels, the original founder of that fraternity at Hamilton College, N. Y., was lone pioneer in the State. In 1839 it met a rival by the founding of  $B \Theta \Pi$ . This was the first of the fraternities of western origin, and its organization was suggested to its founders by the presence of Alpha Delta Phi. Since that time extension and multiplication have gone on until now there has been established in the State a total of over seventy chapters.

Ohio is the third State in the Union as to population; she was the third one in whose borders fraternities established themselves; so also she stands third as to numbers of chapters established, New York and Pennsylvania surpassing her in the order named.

\*This does not include the  $I K \Lambda$  (Roman letter society) at Trinity, Conn. (1829), or the Williams chapter of  $\Delta \Gamma$  (1834), which did not go under a Greek name until 1853, although an anti-secret confederation was formed in 1847.

Two other fraternities were founded in the State, and they too sprang up at Miami, the mother of the system in the West. These were  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , in 1848; and later, in 1855,  $\Sigma X$ , whose founders, six in number, withdrew from the chapter of  $\Delta K E$ , which had been established there in '52.

In 1854 and 1860,  $\Theta \Delta X$  and  $\Psi \Gamma$ , respectively, entered Kenyon. Until the opening of the war these were the only fraternities represented in the State, although in '55  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , founded at Jefferson (now Washington and Jefferson) College, Pennsylvania, placed her fifth chapter at Marietta College; but it suspended almost immediately, and was not revived until '79.

During and since the war others have entered the field and garrisoned themselves in the different institutions. Of the seventy chapters established, nearly sixty are active. Among these are seven chapters representing the ladies fraternities,  $K K \Gamma$  (2),  $K A \Theta$  (2), and  $\Delta \Gamma$  (3); two prosperous locals,  $A \Sigma \Phi$  and  $A F$ , at Marietta, and two chapters of the sophomore society  $\Theta N E$ .

Of western fraternities all are represented save  $\Phi K \Sigma$ . Of these  $B \Theta \Pi$  has seven chapters,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  six,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  six,  $\Delta T \Delta$  six,  $\Sigma X$  four, and  $\Phi K \Psi$  four; of eastern,  $A \Delta \Phi$  has two,  $\Delta K E$  two,  $\Theta \Delta X$  one,  $\Psi \Gamma$  one,  $Z \Psi$  one;  $X \Phi$ , of mingled northern, eastern and southern origin, two; from the south,  $A T \Omega$  two,  $\Sigma A E$  one.

The closing of the Miami brought death in the midst of life to the chapters there, but since the re-opening of the University  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has returned a chapter to the college which gave her birth, and others will probably follow. Her Wittenburg chapter existed only from '52 to '54, and chances to revive have recently been discarded. The parent chapter of  $\Sigma X$  expired after a short existence of three years, while her Gamma (now Alpha), placed in the same year of her birth at Ohio Wesleyan, was last year killed by a decree of the faculty. It had a brilliant career of over twenty years, but is now more honorable in its death than in the character it bore during the last few years of its existence. Western Reserve is not congenial to  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , and after a four years existence there the chapter became defunct in '80. Franklin College, at New Athens, is the unmarked, and

almost equally unknown, grave of an early chapter of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , while in '84 she withdrew from Mount Union:  $X \Phi$ , established at Kenyon in '61, has, since '66, existed there only as a tradition. At Ohio Wesleyan  $K K I$  and  $K A \Theta$ , while flourishing, were compelled by an opposing faculty to surrender their charters.

Of the chapters living, most of them are in a healthy and prosperous condition, and seem bound to perpetuate themselves through all the coming generations of students. A few of the recently established chapters, however, have been placed in schools, while perhaps of good standing, yet where most available material had been used, and make it difficult to build up a strong chapter.

At Kenyon one or two of the chapters own lodges in which they meet, while at other schools, some of the chapters which have attained sufficient age are beginning to whisper about chapter houses as not far off things, and we would not be surprised if a move was made in that direction before long. Should any take action it would certainly add a degree of permanence to the chapter that would be commendable, and move others to take active measures towards the establishment of a chapter house fund looking forward ultimately to the same end.

At only one institution are anti-fraternity laws in force, and this at Oberlin, a college of such standing that, were it not for her prejudices, would be a desirable location for a chapter of any fraternity. With this one exception the relation between faculty and fraternities seems to be one of mutual interest. The Utopia has not been reached, but many old jealousies have been dropped, and the chapters in the Buckeye State are as near a state of inter-fraternity and fraternito-collegiate amity as any of their sisters in the East, West, North or South.

## SOCIETIES AT HARVARD.

*From the New York Times.*

THERE are four societies at Harvard which are entitled to special mention, both from the size of their membership and from the lapse of years since they were founded. These four societies are the Hasty Pudding Club, the Pi Eta Society, the Institute of 1770, and the Everett Athenæum. The former two are Senior societies; the latter two are Sophomore societies. The Sophomore societies are regarded as stepping-stones to the societies of the Senior year—the Institute of 1770 to the Hasty Pudding, and the Athenæum to the Pi Eta.

Within the Institute, as in all controlling inner circles in the  $\Delta K E$ , familiarly known at Harvard as the “Dickey,” the members are elected in squads of ten men at a time. The first ten is chosen by the society at the close of the Freshman year, and great is the honor to be one of these ten men, as the start then afforded them makes them prominent for the rest of the college course. When the “first ten” is elected from the Freshman class the election of the rest of the society from their class passes into their hands. At the beginning of the Sophomore year more tens are elected until the membership of the society reaches nearly a hundred. The first four or five tens, by virtue of their election into the Institute, become members of the  $\Delta K E$ .

The initiation which these men have to undergo is more curious than any other at Harvard. For five days the members of each ten are dressed up in fancy costumes of the most absurd variety, and are made subject to the beck and call of all members of the “Dickey,” past or present. The trials and tribulations which befall them during this brief period of time can well be imagined. A son of a prominent Boston clergyman recently might have been seen slowly wending his way across the athletic field toward the college yard, dressed as an old and decrepit soldier, who, from his appearance, might have been mistaken for a veteran who had gone with Napoleon from Toulon to Waterloo, and lived to the present day to boast of the exploits

of the "Little Corporal." His left arm was in a sling; his right side was supported by a crutch; a huge piece of court plaster adorned his face; his right leg was wound up in innumerable folds of red flannel; his clothes were in tatters, and his whole appearance was sufficient to terrify a small child. Another neophyte was seen a few days ago running through Harvard square followed by a howling mob of children. On his back were imitation wings, which flapped and waved as he sped through the crowded streets. A third neophyte was crossing the yard dressed as a lady, with long skirts and flowing hair, surrounded by an admiring crowd of youngsters. A fourth was dressed to represent a coachman; a fifth to represent an old clothes man, and so on as the ingenuity of the members of the society suggested.

Besides this open initiation there is a still more severe secret initiation, in which, among other things, each neophyte is branded a certain number of times on his left arm. The scar of this branding remains for years, and often for a lifetime. It is no uncommon sight to see a number of the oarsmen when stripped for work marked with the six little scars of this lasting memorial of their initiation into the  $\Delta K E$ .

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#### BANQUET OF MICHIGAN DELTA TAUS.

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Among the benefits of a collegiate education, our American system of Greek letter fraternities, with its incident pleasures, will ever be prominent. So, at least, thought a group of Delta Tau Deltas Monday evening, July 10, 1885, as they gathered at the Connable Cottage at Bay View to enjoy reminiscences of college and chapter life. Among both ladies and gentlemen a number of different colleges were represented; the fraternity boys hailed from the chapters at Ann Arbor, Hillsdale, Albion and Lansing.

Everything conspired to make the meeting memorable to those participating. The evening was beautiful; the cottage,

always notable for its beauty, was brilliantly illuminated, and presented a striking appearance ; the Italian string band, of the Arlington, outdid themselves, and their excellent selections were greeted with warm appreciation. Refreshments, college songs and stories made the evening pass only too rapidly. At 2 A. M. the party dispersed, after having extended Mr. and Mrs. Connable a hearty vote of thanks.

The following is the register of the evening :

*Fraters*—Ezra J. Ware, Grand Rapids ; L. W. Hoyt, Grand Rapids ; S. W. Mauck, Columbus, O. ; E. F. Parmelee, Charlevoix ; S. F. Master, Ionia ; A. W. Connable, Petoskey ; G. G. Scranton, Sault St. Marie ; Vin Swarthout, Ovid ; Wilbur F. Hoyt, Columbus, O.

*Ladies*—Lizzie Master, Ionia ; Kate Martin, Albion ; Antha DeCamp, Ovid ; Mrs. S. W. Mauck, Columbus, O. ; Jennie Ninde, Ft. Wayne ; Belle Ware, Grand Rapids ; Rose M. Berkey, Grand Rapids ; Mary C. Atwater, Grand Rapids ; Essie J. Buttars, Charlevoix ; Chella Ninde, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

This is the second annual entertainment that the Delta resorters have given, the former one having been given at Charlevoix last year. The fraternity is so strong in the north central States that it was decided to effect a permanent organization, with the object of building a fraternity cottage at some point, for the use of resorting Deltas ; and of making the annual meeting a permanent affair.

Rev. Washington Gardner, of Jackson, was chosen president for the ensuing year ; Mr. Ed. F. Parmelee, of Charlevoix, secretary ; Mr. E. J. Ware, of Grand Rapids, committee on cottage. It is to be hoped that the plan of building a cottage will succeed, and doubtless it will, for every year brings many representatives of the fraternity into this region, and a home would be most welcome to them.

ALUMNUS.



## GOOD-NIGHT, AND JOY BE WITH YOU ALL.

*Δ T Δ Parting Song.*

The wind blows east, the wind blows west,  
The last dead leaf is on the tree ;  
Farewell the merry wine and jest,  
And all good fellows dear to me ;  
Those raptur'd hours with feather'd feet,  
My aching heart would fain recall,—  
But ah ! 'tis ours no more to meet,  
Good-night, and joy be with you all.

The weary world spins 'round and 'round,  
And friends must part as friends have met ;  
There is no spot of hallowed ground,  
If not where friendship's board is set ;  
The wind blows west, the wind blows east,  
Our last bright cup is mixed with gall,—  
A death-head glimmers at the feast,  
Good-night, and joy be with you all.

To-morrow comes, to-morrow goes,  
But yesterday returns no more ;  
We meet with these, we part with those,  
And eyes are dim, and hearts are sore ;  
A blinding mist obscures my sight,  
My senses with their burden pall,—  
Time halts not his rapid flight,  
Good-night, and joy be with you all.

JAMES NEWTON MATTHEWS.

## Editorial.

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OUR genial friend and contemporary, the *Beta Theta Pi* is suffering from an aggravated attack of the prep. question,—this in spite of an authoritative announcement of her complete recovery from the dread disease. If we remember rightly, a few years ago it was blazoned to the world that Beta Theta Pi had adopted a constitutional amendment which sternly forbade the initiation of preps., and that the aforesaid fraternity would abide by such enactment, live or die, sink or swim. The Greek Press, without a dissenting voice, agreed that the prep. question had received a staggering, blinding blow; had, in fact, been shattered beyond hope of recognition or recovery. Alas for the permanent effects of Beta Theta Pi constitutional amendments! It has dawned upon the divinities who preside over the *Beta Theta Pi* that the prep. question, though slightly disfigured, is still in the field; that it is not a dead but a living issue, and while not so stalwart as formerly, is still healthy enough to cause a vast deal of trouble, even to a *national* fraternity. Experience has clearly taught that one non-prep.-initiating fraternity cannot hope to successfully contend with two or more prep.-initiating fraternities in colleges where public opinion sanctions such initiations. Prep. initiations must yield to advancing light. But no fraternity can single-handed cope with the difficulty; it demands concerted action. On this basis the solution of the problem is easy; all that is necessary is a simple, practical application of the principle of co-operation. Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Tau Delta are the only fraternities of any consequence who find it necessary, in some colleges, to indulge in the barbarous and undignified practice. All these fraternities, with the exception of Phi Kappa Psi (who soon adopts a new constitution with all the modern improvements), are governed by Executive Councils, whose influence in shaping legislation is practically unlimited. Let these Councils adopt a joint

resolution, pledging themselves to introduce at the next conventions of their respective fraternities, and push to a successful issue, a constitutional amendment absolutely prohibiting the initiation of any man below the grade of Freshman. As Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Tau Delta hold conventions during the present year, it could be provided that upon the adoption of such an enactment by the above-named fraternities, such aforesaid enactment should go into full force and effect on the first day of January, 1887. In this easy, simple and practical method the nefarious practice would be totally annihilated and the Greek Fraternities relieved of an annoyance and a disgrace. Delta Tau Delta stands willing and ready to co-operate in any plan which will bring complete and final relief from further discussion of an unpleasant and unprofitable subject.

To hundreds of Deltas who have worn the Purple and Gray, and in fact to the great majority of the brotherhood, the story of these, our colors, is either a mystery or a legend. Such universal ignorance on a subject intimately connected with the rise and growth of the Delta Tau is not marvelous when one realizes that the archives of the fraternity are practically barren of accurate and reliable data whereby the history of our emblematic colors can be traced. A rigid examination of the printed documents of the fraternity previous to the year 1879 reveals little that is valuable and trustworthy. A written constitution of '64, granted to Alpha in that year, mentions neither colors nor regalia. A constitution, printed by the Delaware Alpha in 1870, contains no reference to colors, but decrees that the regalia of the fraternity shall consist of a purple sash, fringed with gold for officers, and with silver for other members of the chapter. Upon this as a basis we erected our personal theory that the only recognized color at that time was purple, and that through familiarity with that section of the constitution relating to the silver fringe, the fraternity gradually came to join the silver gray to the purple, and without any official action adopted the Royal Purple and the Silver Gray as the standard colors. Reasoning from these premises, it must be evident, however, that the fraternity would have more naturally and logically adopted Purple and Gold. The constitution of 1879 contains the first official promulgation of our present colors. We take great pleasure in laying before the fraternity the following interesting correspondence, which

we believe will materially assist in writing the history of our colors. We will say in passing that the correspondence is, to a great extent, the result of a recent investigation, incited by the assertion that Emerald Green was at one time the official color of the fraternity. Not one particle of evidence, substantiating this assertion in the slightest degree, has been obtained.

First, from the Sage of Odessa, Father Cunningham, comes this letter :

It gives me pleasure to answer your questions concerning the original color of *Δ T Δ*. I well remember when Brother A. C. Earle came to me one evening and said that Brother J. L. N. Hunt had proposed Emerald Green as the most suitable color, but, said Brother Earle, that would never do, for our opponents would interpret it forsaken. I agreed with him, and promised that I would consult with Brother Hunt concerning the matter. At the next meeting of the brethren the matter was brought up for consideration, and the green was dropped and the purple adopted. The gray was not connected with it prior to the war, and it has always been my opinion that it was added to the purple after the war, because so many of the original members were during that unhappy period connected with the gray of the South.

From an interesting discussion of fraternity colors in general, by Brother Ed. D. Curtis, the gifted author of our new Ritual, we quote :

"The idea (as I understand it) which caused the adoption of the *gray* in the first place, was to indicate our fraternity's Southern origin,—a very good idea, too, for the gray became very dear to the Southern people, for it was the color of the uniforms in which their 'heroes were buried.' The change, or rather the adoption of the gray, occurred, if I mistake not, under the authority of the Mu while she was the Alpha some time in the seventies. I know very well that 'Royal Purple' was our fraternity's solitary standard color when I was initiated in November, 1866."

The letters of Brothers Cunningham and Curtis are most satisfactory and conclusive evidence that the Royal Purple was adopted at the very birth of the fraternity ; that it was still our only color in 1866, and continued so for several years after. It is certainly most remarkable that Brother Cunningham and Brother Curtis, who belonged to different chapters, were never personally acquainted, and probably never exchanged letters, should adopt the same theory concerning the adoption of the gray. It is with a feeling somewhat akin to remorse that, in the interests of historic truth, we are compelled to destroy this most beautiful and touching legend, which, no doubt, in time would become one of the most treasured traditions of the

fraternity. The following letter from Brother W. L. McClurg will explain itself:

"In the year 1878-79, during my term as General Secretary, the Alpha became dissatisfied with the Royal Purple, at that time the fraternity's only color. This dissatisfaction arose from the fact that many other fraternities wore the purple. So a committee was appointed to select another color which in combination with the purple would present a pleasing appearance. In pursuance of their instructions the committee gathered unto themselves many ribbons of divers colors and shades, and at last came to the conclusion that Royal Purple and Silver Gray made a very pretty and charming combination. The chapter thought so, too, adopted them, and ordered her delegates to the next convention at Put-in-Bay to present them to said convention for consideration. The said convention adopted these colors as standard, and in the revised constitution of 1879 such action was officially announced to the fraternity. In this wise the Purple and the Gray became the colors of Delta Tau Delta, and such they have continued even unto the present day."

*The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, in the December number, vigorously criticizes the weak, vacillating and inglorious policy of Beta Theta Pi, in regard to the decapitation of weak chapters in stagnant colleges; and in commenting on the course of Delta Tau Delta under similar circumstances, draws the following interesting comparison:

"One very curious result followed the agitation of the chapter-killing question. *THE CRESCENT* of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , taking its cue from the *Beta Theta Pi* in 1883-4, also pronounced in favor of an extermination of weak chapters and chapters in insignificant institutions. Strangely enough, while the courage of  $B \Theta \Pi$  failed,  $\Delta T \Delta$  had the nerve to apply the knife, and that vigorously. Chapters at Franklin and Marshall College, Pa., Mount Union College, Ohio, Lombard University, Ill., and at some other institutions, have had their charters annulled.  $\Delta T \Delta$  will really be stronger by this heroic piece of work.

What *The Scroll* calls heroic work was not suggested or inspired by the editorials of the *Beta Theta Pi*, however brilliant, vigorous and admirable they certainly were; nor did *THE CRESCENT* take its cue from the *Beta Theta Pi*, however commendable an example it set. Far from being influenced by a sister fraternity, the actions of *THE CRESCENT* sprang from impulses and motives that lay imbedded in the very heart and brain of Delta Tau Delta. The vigorous and courageous policy of the fraternity was not a sudden, capricious and tremulous flame of irresponsible passion, to be snuffed out by the first passing breeze of resistance; it was and is the manly, sincere and

honest outward manifestation of a steady, silent and irresistible growth of opinion within the fraternity. For several years the line of progressive thought had swept onward grandly yet almost imperceptibly, except to a few grave, thoughtful and determined men, who have ever kept a sensitive finger on the fraternity pulse, and who appreciated to its profoundest depths the gravity of the movement, and realized the force and temper of the weapon it placed in their hands. The first palpable and important result was the adoption of the Constitution of 1883 and the creation of an Executive Council endowed with extraordinary powers and responsibilities. A thorough survey of the situation demonstrated, by evidence most positive and convincing, that the fraternity, if not eager, was at least well prepared to take a long step forward, a step which would, on the one hand, overthrow all precedents, revolutionize her methods of thought and action and destroy the traditions of years; but which, on the other hand, would strengthen and invigorate her *morale*, elevate and dignify her character, increase her prestige, influence and reputation in the Greek world. Resistance to a line of action so utterly contrary to tradition and precedent could not fail to arise: its force and power were anticipated and accurately measured. As public failure in so supreme an effort would inevitably weaken and dishearten the fraternity and excite the derision and ridicule of rival societies, final action was not taken until the tone of the fraternity was sounded and its mettle carefully tested. Then THE CRESCENT spoke in no uncertain language: the forces were silently arrayed for a short, sharp and decisive conflict: and if the policy of Delta Tau Delta was strong, determined and victorious, it was because the thought and sentiment, the hopes and aspirations of her sons, upheld, strengthened and sustained the arms of her chosen leaders.

## The Greek World.

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GENERAL FITZHUGH LEE, Governor of Virginia, is a  $\Psi T$ ; the late Professor James Craig Watson, the astronomer, who graduated at the University of Michigan in 1857, was not a fraternity man in his college life, but was initiated into  $B \Theta \Pi$  as an honorary member in 1858 by the University of Michigan chapter, and that chapter of  $B \Theta \Pi$  having deserted to  $\Psi T$  in 1865, he was initiated into  $\Psi T$  as an honorary member in 1869; John Bach McMaster, the historian, is a  $\Delta K E$ ; Professor Moses Coit Tyler, of Cornell, is an  $A \Delta \Phi$ ; Mr. Justice Stephen J. Field, of the Supreme Court of the United States, is a  $\Psi T$ ; General Horatio C. King, the Secretary of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, is a  $\Phi K \Sigma$ ; the Rev. Dr. Francis S. Hoyt, formerly a professor in the Ohio Wesleyan, and ex-editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, and his brother, the late Professor Benjamin T. Hoyt, of DePauw, are numbered among  $\Phi K \Psi$ 's honorary members, but during their college life at Wesleyan both were members of  $\Psi T$ , and have so continued.

News of decided interest to fraternity men comes from the city of Portland, Oregon. A movement, started by W. T. Hume ( $B \Theta \Pi$ ) and E. D. Curtis ( $\Delta T \Delta$ ), prominent business men, is on foot to organize the Greeks of the city into a Pan-Hellenic chapter, admitting all Greeks who stand well in the front of life, of whatever fraternity who wish to join it. From the *Portland Gazette*, of January 15, we clip the following:

For some time past there has been a movement on foot among some of the gentlemen of this city who are members of different fraternities to organize an association for social purposes. There is quite a number of "Greeks" resident in Portland, among whom are Messrs. W. M. Ladd, C. E. Ladd and C. R. Darling, of the Alpha Delta Phi; Fred Holman and Colonel L. L. Hawkins, of the Zeta Psi; Professor L. F. Henderson, G. W. Freeman and R. G. Morrow, of the Delta Upsilon; L. B. Cox, Charles H. Carey, W. T. Hume, A. S. Frank and Walton Thayer, of the Beta Theta Pi; E. D. Curtis, of Delta Tau Delta, and John Effinger, of Sigma Chi. A meeting

will be had next Monday evening, the 18th, at the law office of Mr. Charles H. Carey, in the Mulkey Block, on the corner of Second and Morrison streets, to which a general invitation is extended to all Greek letter society men.

OF the fraternities located here (University of Iowa)  $\Delta T \Delta$  is our strongest rival and best friend.  $B \Theta \Pi$  has quite a strong chapter, but its strength is entirely lodged in its Seniors, and when they graduate in June the chapter will be left in a very weak condition.  $\Phi K \Psi$  is the youngest fraternity in school, being about a year old. It has had a fair amount of success, but has frequently been mistaken in its initiates, a mistake quite natural in a new chapter.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is decidedly weak, having lost heavily by graduation last year. Its initiates this year are very inferior, and its future prospects are not very bright.—*Sigma Chi*.

THE event that created the most stir in Greek circles (at Wooster), was the lifting of T. B. Berry,  $\Delta T \Delta$ , by the Betas. The sentiment of the college has always been opposed to lifting, and the action of the Betas has lowered them in the estimation of all fraternity men. Individually the Betas contain many good men, but as a fraternity they are undoubtedly guilty of conduct which at least is not in accordance with the golden rule. The Delta Tau Deltas do not seem to be prostrated by the shock.—*Sigma Chi*.

THE Annual Convention of the I. C. Sorosis was held at Lawrence, Kansas, in the Art League Rooms, November 24, 25, 26. Some important changes were made, the most noticeable being the adding of a chain and pin to the wing of their arrow, the pin bearing the Greek letters  $\Pi B \Phi$ . The next Convention will meet at Indianola, Iowa, October 21, 22, 23, 1886.

OF the one hundred and fifty new students at the University of Wisconsin, only twelve had become Greeks at the close of the fall term of 1885, though seven fraternities are represented.

THE Sigma chapter of  $\Delta \Psi$  at the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale College is just completing a beautiful brown-stone chapter house. Because of the resemblance of the St. Anthony cross



of the badge to the letter T, the chapter is popularly known in New Haven as the "Tea Company."

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$  intends in the near future to publish a manual containing a general sketch of fraternities, an account of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  with a list of her chapters, undergraduate statistics and prominent members, and a short description of the college at which she has chapters.

REV. CHARLES H. DICKINSON, a  $\Psi T$ , was recently ordained pastor of the Congregational Church at Wallingford, Conn., which, during the 210 years of its existence, has had but six pastors.

PROF. A. H. WELSH of the Ohio State University, author of "The Development of English Literature," and of several well-known educational works, is a  $\Delta T \Delta$ .

REV. ARTHUR S. HORT, recently elected Professor of Logic, Rhetoric and Elocution at Hamilton, is a graduate of that college in 1871, and is a  $\Psi T$ .

THE  $\Gamma \Phi B$  Sorority has founded its third chapter at the University of Wisconsin, the others being in the Universities of Syracuse and Michigan.

HON. A. J. HOPKINS, who represents the Fifth Illinois District in Congress, is a  $\Delta T \Delta$ .

$A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Delta \Psi$ ,  $\Delta \Phi$ ,  $X \Phi$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $Z \Psi$ ,  $\Theta \Delta X$  and  $\Delta K E$  have chapters in Harvard College.

$\Theta \Xi$  has recently entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

$\Theta \Xi$ ,  $\Delta \Psi$  and  $X \Phi$  have chapters in the Sheffield Scientific School.

$\Delta \Phi$  recently organized at Johns Hopkins.

$\Delta T$  has entered Lehigh.

## Chapter Letters.

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### Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

The winter term at the O. W. U. opened with about the usual number in attendance. About 40 new students have been enrolled, and some old ones have returned. The number in attendance last term was 600. The sixty-two students who were suspended for breaking the rules of the college, in going to "Richard III," have most all returned. Eight Seniors who were suspended until the beginning of this term, having refused to sign the "apologies" necessary for their re-admittance, have not returned. Most of them have entered De Pauw University, where they expect to graduate this year. The most of them are men of considerable ability as students. Five of them were members of the *Transcript* corps. Seven of them are fraternity men. From their number *B Θ Π* loses four men; *Φ Γ Δ* two, and *Φ Κ Ψ* one. Much has been said *for* and *against* the Faculty in their just enforcement of the laws of the college. The rule, whether good or bad, was openly violated, and had its violation been unheeded, college rules would be worthless at the O. W. U. The vacancies which were made in the *Transcript* corps have all been filled by other members of the Senior Class.

The Oratorical Contest was held in the city opera house, on the evening of December 17. There were in all eight contestants—six gentlemen and two ladies. J. L. Hillman received first honor, and Miss Mattie Shankland second honor. Mr. Hillman will now represent our college in the Inter-State Contest, to be held in Granville, O., in February. Bro. C. E. Miess, formerly of *B*, has received college rank, and now becomes an active member of our chapter. On the evening of November 25 we initiated Will. P. Winter, '87, and near the end of the term, Chas. W. Evans, '88. We now number 15 men. Bro. C. L. Ketcham has returned to complete his course. We are sorry to lose from

our number Bro. Ed. H. Hughes, who has entered the Iowa University at Grinnell, Iowa, where he expects to reside hereafter. Bro. Hughes has proved an active and devoted member of our chapter, and we recommend him to all Western Deltas who may chance to meet him as a congenial friend, and a warm advocate of *Δ T Δ*.

#### Upsilon—Rensselaer.

The new year has begun favorably for us. We have our full attendance, and have just refurnished our chapter hall with a complete set of heavy walnut furniture, upholstered in red leather, and its appearance is greatly improved. Our library has received several very handsome additions from several of the members, among which is a complete set of Chambers' Encyclopedia presented by Bro. Raht. If our library continues to grow at the present rate it will soon be one of the features of our chapter. Bro. Trautwein sends us the "Transactions of the American Society of Engineers," which are of great practical value to the upper class men in their studies. Within the last two months two of our alumni have been married. Bro. Ruple, '81, was married on Dec. 10 to Miss Mary McCulloch, at Cottonwood Plantation, La., and Bro. Spearman, '84, was married on Thanksgiving at Steubenville, Ohio. We have had the pleasure of receiving visits lately from several of our former members. Bro. Zeiley, '86, spent a week with us; he came to stay a day or two, but found old Troy and the boys so attractive that he staid a week. Bro. Asserson, '87, ran up from New York and spent a few days with us during Thanksgiving holidays. We enjoyed their visits very much, and only wish that we had more of our alumni near us than we have. Bro. Quintana was in town for a few days during the holidays. We are having reviews now and in about a week come the semi-annual examinations, which are quite interesting. We are looking forward to the Division Conference, and expect to send a large delegation, as over two-thirds of the boys have signified their intention of going, for the remembrances of the past conferences are so pleasant that we could not think of missing one.

**Beta Theta—University of the South.**

Our University has closed for its long winter vacation, and most of "the boys" are rollicking in the freedom of their respective homes until March comes and brings us back again. Of the Grammar School boys who were advanced to the dignity of University students at the end of last term, Delta Tau Delta got one; let me introduce him to you—Roman E. Richmond, of Memphis, Tenn. When we have well drilled the principles of Deltaism into him we think that Bro. Richmond will make a worthy frater, and we feel proud of having gotten him. He is at present in Memphis with Bros. Overton, Ensley, Snowden and Scales.

Bro. G. G. Smith is at work as a missionary in Winchester. I believe he has nothing to do with the girls' school situated there. Bro. Dashiell is spending the winter at Sewanee, and dividing his attention between his studies and his plug. Bro. Miller is captivating the fair sex in Augusta, Ga., where he has just made his *debut*, and your correspondent is enjoying his vacation in a visit to Bro. Tucker, at Mobile, Ala.

**Kappa—Hillsdale.**

New Year's Day Bro. H. R. Parmelee invited a number of his college friends to visit his house in Reading, Mich. The three fraternities were represented, and fraternity issues were entirely overlooked in the general good time that followed. The presence of out-in-the-world fraters, F. W. Corbit and Ed. F. Parmelee, added to the pleasure of the occasion. Bro. S. S. Avery, of Angola, Ind., at one time a member of the class of '85, has written an able article on the "Cause of the Tides," which has received very favorable comment from the *Scientific American*. On account of his father's protracted absence on legal business at the beginning of the term, Bro. Macomber is not with us this winter; in the spring, however, he expects to return. Bro. W. W. Cook called on friends in this city during the holidays, but we did not have the pleasure of meeting him.

We have eight sterling men at present, which is less by far

than the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ s, and slightly less than the  $\Sigma X$ s. We intend, however, to add to our number in a few days some of the best men of '89. Having finished a series of readings in Poe, we have lately taken up the works of O. W. Holmes, purposing to form a more intimate acquaintance with our American authors. Bro. F. N. Dewey, beside his regular college work, has charge of the history classes in the city schools. A short time since Bro. W. M. Spears spent a few days among us. He hopes to be with us again next term.

#### Zeta—Adelbert.

Allow us to introduce to the fraternity two sterling fraters, Charles S. Clark, '89, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and Lyman A. Ford, '89, of Cleveland. Our Annual will soon make its appearance. We will be glad to exchange with any of the chapters. On December 12, Zeta was the guest of Eta. After a union meeting an elegant banquet was indulged in, followed by the war dance. Eta as usual did herself proud, and we will go again if we get an invitation. On account of ill-health Bro. Brew was compelled to leave school temporarily. We hope to have him with us in the spring.

#### Alpha—Allegheny.

The opening of a new year finds us in a prosperous condition. We certainly feel it a very great pleasure to again assemble in our halls, the countenance of each being brightened by a short vacation. At the stroke of the gavel silence reigned, and then to business promptly. We cannot help but think that our efforts of last term were crowned with success. The interest in fraternity work now manifested by the different members of our chapter shows that a greater work may be accomplished during the present term. We are sorry to state that K. Karl Kreek, whom we initiated last term, will not be able to be with us longer, he having determined upon entering an Eastern college. We extend to him our best wishes for success. Since writing last, the Alpha has given two more of her parties, which are looked forward to as among the recognized events in Meadville society. Both were

very successful and enjoyable, particularly the one held New Years Eve. Several more of the series will be given during the present term. It would be particularly gratifying to the Alpha Choctaws if the brothers of other chapters would favor us with their presence on these occasions of social pleasure and recreation.

The college enrollment has been increased by quite a number of new students. More life and energy is now shown in the college work, both by the students and faculty, than has been for some time. Should this continue, we predict a bright future for the college. A new musical organization has lately been effected, which will afford an opportunity to all those interested in that work to become proficient.

#### Beta Beta—De Pauw.

At the beginning of the second term college opened under favorable circumstances. Quite a number of new students were enrolled in the various classes. The Senior Class received an addition of six students from the Ohio Wesleyan University, caused by the bigoted action of the President and Faculty of that institution. Of the six gentlemen, two are members of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  and three of  $B \Theta \Pi$ . Mr. De Pauw has presented to the University several beautiful pieces of alabastine marble statuary, which make a valuable addition to the art collection. Valuable additions to the museum have been purchased of Professor Ward, of Rochester, N. Y. Miss Rena A. Michaels, A. M., Ph.D., having resigned her position as Professor of Italian and Spanish and Preceptress of the Ladies' Hall to accept a similar position in the Northwestern University, is succeeded by Mrs. Belle A. Mansfield. We regret the departure of Prof. Michaels, because she was ever a professed friend of  $\Delta T \Delta$ .

After the holidays all the boys except Brothers Friedley and Stevens returned, and are filled with more zeal for fraternity work. Our last two initiates, whom we now have the honor to introduce to the fraternity, are Brothers Carleton J. Shaffer, of Windsor, Ill., and Francis M. Sinsabaugh, of Mattoon, Ill. Our Saturday evening chapter meetings are quite interesting and

profitable. Every one of us leaves the hall feeling that we have been benefitted by our attendance. Prof. Mills, the genial Dean of the School of Fine Arts, has signified his intention of becoming a regular attendant at our meetings and taking an active part in them. While at Butler University recently I was pleased to see the great change in the condition of Beta Theta. That chapter is now booming. Since our last chapter letter we have had the pleasure of entertaining Brothers Hamilton and Jett of Phi, and Brothers Jackson and McNutt of Beta Theta. All of our chapter attended the funeral of the late Vice-President Hendricks, and had the pleasure of meeting many Deltas from other chapters. We acknowledge the receipt of the *Rho Chronicle*, which is quite a readable paper.

#### Epsilon—Albion.

Eighteen eighty-six finds thirteen active, energetic members in Epsilon chapter. In taking a review of the past term, we are able to announce that it was a prosperous one. Thirteen meetings were held with an average attendance of 82 per cent. A lecture by Rev. Washington Gardner, under the auspices of Epsilon, presented a welcome increase to our treasury, and our annual Thanksgiving banquet, at which time we had the pleasure of meeting several of our alumni, gave us a rich Delta treat. Epsilon has no indebtedness outside of that assumed for the repairing of her hall, and that, through the unremitting efforts of her members and the kind assistance rendered to her by her alumni, has been nearly reduced to one-half its original amount. Our financial outlook, though upon the whole still involving incessant attention, is promising. Our list of initiates for the term numbers only one, yet in a quiet way our work in that line has been eminently satisfactory.

#### Beta Epsilon—Emory.

We are sorry to announce that Bros. Strozier and Johnson have left college. This leaves us with seventeen active members. Our chapter is in a sound condition, and bids fair to continue on its road of prosperity. The elections for champion

debater's places, held in the Phi Tau and Few literary societies, resulted as follows: In the Few, one  $K A$ , one  $A T \Omega$  and one  $\Delta T \Delta$ ; in the Phi Tau, one  $K A$ , one  $A T \Omega$  and one  $\Sigma A E$ . Bro. Morgan is our representative in the Few. Although being a Junior, he received more votes than any other candidate. He is the only Junior on the debate. Bro. Benton was elected on the spring term debate. Bro. J. L. Hendry recently attended the Florida Conference. Bro. J. M. Stuart, Boynton medalist of class '84, who has been teaching school in Apopka, Fla., was married Dec. 25, 1885, to Miss Nonie Hough, of Oxford, Ga., at the residence of the bride's mother. We would have been glad to have had Bro. Stuart remain with us for a while, but he saw fit to return at once with his bride to his home in Florida. The fall term reports will be read out in a few days, and we anticipate a creditable showing for the boys of Beta Epsilon.

#### Delta—University of Michigan.

On December 10, Thursday evening, the Seniors held their annual Social at the Delta Chapter House. A large crowd was in attendance, and all pronounced it a success. December 17 we enjoyed our chapter hop at the House, and danced all night to good music furnished by a full string orchestra. Much of the music was composed by Bro. McAndrew, '86, who was highly complimented for his charming  $\Delta T \Delta$  waltzes. Bro. McNair, lately of  $BH$ , has recently joined our ranks. This year starts with its usual number of births into the Greek society of the U. of M. Dec. 5 the Delta Gammas swung out here to the number of seven, among whom are found some of our most esteemed young ladies. Three days later eleven diamond-shaped pins, bearing the letters  $\Phi T \Delta$ , announced that there was another chapter that wished to be acknowledged. We wish them well, but still the fact asserts itself that the last few years have brought as many deaths as births.



## Initiates.

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### BETA BETA—DEPAUW.

- 35. Frederic Finley Friedley, '89, Madison, Ind.
- 36. David Amos Stevens, '89, Terre Haute, Ind.
- 37. Carleton Jacob Shaffer, '91, Windsor, Ill.
- 38. Francis Marion Sinsabaugh, '91, Mattoon, Ill.

### SIGMA—COLUMBIA.

- 28. John Rollin Marsh, '87, Muncie, Ind.
- 29. Abraham Lincoln Burns, '87, Brooklyn, N. Y.

### NU—LAFAYETTE.

- 44. Howard McIlvane Morton, '88, Tough Kenamon, Pa.
- 45. Rush Kelsey Morton, '88, Tough Kenamon, Pa.
- 46. William Malcolm McKeen, '88, Easton, Pa.

### ZETA—ADELBERT.

- 10. Gabriel Fullard Smith, '88, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 11. Charles Spencer Clark, '89, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.
- 12. Lyman Albert Ford, '85, Cleveland, Ohio.

### OMICRON—IOWA.

- 40. Julius Lischer, '88, Davenport, Iowa.
- 41. Charles Rollin Keyes, '87, Des Moines, Iowa.
- 42. Ernest Verni Mills, '88, Elkader, Iowa.
- 43. Ernest Ruben Nichols, '87, Luana, Iowa.
- 44. Will Thomas Summers, '89, Ottumwa, Iowa.
- 45. Harry Stanton Marquardt, '89, Iowa City, Iowa.
- 46. Horace Greeley Clark, '89, Iowa City, Iowa.

### XI—SIMPSON.

- 87. Waitman T. W. Morris, '88, Liberty, Iowa.
- 88. Herbert Alden Youty, '89, Commerce, Iowa.
- 89. Ernest Hugh Thornbrue, '90, Dennison, Iowa.
- 90. Thomas Nelson Franklin, '89, Manteno, Iowa.

### RHO—STEVENS.

- 68. Arthur Lee Shreve, '89, Baltimore, Md.
- 69. Alfred Cary Peck, '89, Brooklyn, N. Y.

### BETA KAPPA—COLÓRADO.

- 10. Charles Herbert Pierce, '87, Boulder, Colo.
- 11. Lambert Sternberg, '87, Boulder, Colo.

## BETA ZETA—BUTLER.

- 38. Charles Everett Higbee, '90, Elizaville, Ind.
- 39. Walter Scott King, '88, Richmond, Ind.
- 40. William Jefferson Armstrong, '88, Kenton, Ohio.
- 41. James Challen Smith, '88, Veedersburg, Ind.
- 42. Antony J. LeMiller, '89, New Liberty, Ohio.
- 43. Walter Howard Shortridge, Indianapolis, Ind.

## PSI—WOOSTER.

- 43. Charles Hodge Elliott, '90, Rittman, Ohio.
- 44. Winfield Scott Bowman, '89, Irwin Station, Pa.
- 45. Thomas Lee Aughinbaugh, '89, East Pittsburgh, Pa.

## BETA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

- 146. James Aaron Fremont Kukendall, '86, Dawkins Mills, Ohio.
- 147. Johnson Sherman Hunter, '89, Cove, Ohio.
- 148. Daniel Webster Williams, '89, Oak Hill, Ohio.

## UPSILON—RENSSELAER.

- 30. Bernard Elmore Gregory, '87, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 31. Techamer Finny, '88, Memphis, Tenn. (Transf'd from *B Θ*.)
- 32. Charles Augustus Raht, '89, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 33. Paul Bigelow, '89, New Haven, Conn.
- 34. Allan McLane Mowry, '89, New York, N. Y.
- 35. Paul Octave Hibert, '89, Marietta, Ga.
- 36. Lawrence Mains Marten, '89, St. John Baptist Parish, La.

## OMEGA.

- 101. Sherman Yates, '88, Tipton, Iowa.
- 102. Henry Richmond Corbett, '88, Nelson, Neb.

## GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

- Samuel Ott Laughlin, '89, Wheeling, W. Va.
- Robert Sherrard Elliott, '90, Jersey City Heights, N. J.

## BETA DELTA—GEORGIA.

- 36. Robert Lee Nowell, '87, Monroe, Ga.

## BETA EPSILON—EMORY.

- 33. William Joseph Peed, '90, Enterprise, Ga.
- 34. Rowland Bird Daniel, '90, Darlot, Ga.
- 35. Elias McLeod Landrum, '90, Vinita, Indian Territory.

## EPSILON—ALBION.

- 88. Linton Beach Sutton, '88, Cheboygan, Mich.
- 89. Edgar J. Townsend, '88, Litchfield, Mich.
- 90. Sheridan Fried Master, '88, Ionia, Mich.
- 91. Henry Magiford Echlin, Jr., '89, Albion, Mich.
- 92. Joseph Patrick McCarthy, '88, Albion, Mich.
- 93. John William Arney, '89, Albion, Mich.

## BETA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

15. Teschamer de Graffenrud Finney, '85, Memphis, Tenn.
16. Robert Brinkley Snowden, '86, Memphis, Tenn.
17. Sam Watkins Overton, '86, Memphis, Tenn.
18. Martin Ensley, '86, Memphis, Tenn.
19. John L. Doggett, '87, Jacksonville, Fla.
20. Henry Minor Scales, '86, Hernando, Miss.
21. Gross Robert Scruggs, '86, Dallas, Texas.
22. Harry Eugene Stafford, '86, Meridian, Miss.
23. Louis David Weiss, '86, Greenville, Miss.
24. Lewis Ford Butt, '87, Sewanee, Tenn.
25. Lewis Henry Mattair, '87, Jacksonville, Fla.
26. Frank Eli Cole, San Antonio, Texas.
27. Robert Lee Craig, Henderson, Ky.

## KAPPA—HILLSDALE.

148. Charles Ward Macomber, '90, Bremen, Ind.

## MU—OHIO WESLEYAN.

108. William Garfield Homell, '89, Oakland, Ohio.
109. Arthur Lincoln Bauker, '86, Cardington, Ohio.
110. Will Phillips Winter, '87, Delaware, Ohio.

## IOTA—MICHIGAN STATE.

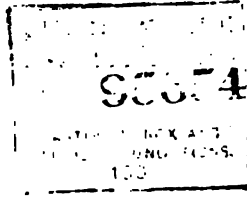
133. Jay Trumble Burnham, Jr., '89, Saginaw, Mich.
134. Glenn Dexter Perrigs, '88, Portland, Mich.
135. Lloyd Cummins Bartmess, '89, Buchanan, Mich.
136. Fred George Hubbard, '89, Monroe, Mich.
137. William David McDonald, '89, Port Huron, Mich.
138. George Gladden, '89, Columbus, Ohio.

## DELTA—MICHIGAN.

84. Frank Albin Roach, '88, Detroit, Mich.

## ALPHA—ALLEGHENY.

187. Ned Arder Flood, '89, Meadville, Pa.
188. James Anderson McClurg, '89, Meadville, Pa.
189. Kay Carl Krick, '89, Conneautville, Pa.
190. John Charles Armstrong, '89, Brownsville, Pa.
191. George Leonard Bumgarner, '89, Millsboro, Pa.
192. Charles Scott Herbert Smith, '89, Buffalo, N. Y.
193. Allen Isaiah Warren, '89, Wheeling, W. Va.



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## THE WITHDRAWAL OF CHARTERS.

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THE action of the fraternity during the past few years in ordering the withdrawal of the charters of unprofitable chapters located in small and comparatively weak institutions, should serve, and many believe that it has already served, as a warning to other chapters located at denominational colleges of small means, meager support and generally circumscribed prospects, to redouble their efforts, both in internal improvement and in their relations with the general fraternity, with a view of compensating in large measure for the shortcomings of their Alma Mater. If all of our chapters will bear this in mind, they never need have any fears that their charters are in danger.

The fraternity has a perfect right to protect itself against injury from the inefficiency of any of its branches, whether this be due to the lowering of the standard of membership, the *personnel* of the chapter or to the retrograde career of the college. It should be allowed to limit the membership of its chapters at the smaller colleges to such a number that their membership standard shall not fall below that current in the best chapters of the fraternity. These are generally found in the larger colleges; there is, however, not a small college on our list to-day at which, under such restrictions, a small chapter cannot be maintained with a reasonable degree of certainty that its *personnel* shall include such men only who will prove valuable members of the fraternity; it would certainly tend to a more uniform membership standard throughout the fraternity than is possible at the present time. If, under such circumstances, the chapter cannot

prosper, the fraternity will, in the judgment of every candid and intelligent fraternity man, be fully justified in ordering the withdrawal of its charter; the principle of the survival of the fittest applies here as elsewhere in human affairs with equal force and weight.

The duty of the fraternity toward its chapters is plain and easily understood, and does not admit of much discussion. A few of them were placed ill advisedly and hastily by those who preceded us in the management of the fraternity's affairs at institutions which should never have been honored with a chapter. From all of these Delta Tau Delta has fortunately withdrawn. Others were entered at a time when they as well as the fraternity were rapidly growing; in dignity and influence Delta Tau Delta has outgrown several of these colleges, and they, too, are no longer on our chapter roll. There are several colleges still on our list which have not been keeping pace with the modern requirements of the times, and, as educational centers, have a somewhat limited influence. There will always be a temptation in the future, as there has been in the past, to withdraw from such colleges, and it therefore becomes a matter both of policy and of duty with chapters so situated that they shall maintain the highest possible state of activity and efficiency. Under such circumstances even the most radically progressive fraternity man will not venture to deny this plain proposition: That Delta Tau Delta has no right to withdraw the charter from a chapter situated at a small college, when that chapter is loyal and enthusiastic in its support of the fraternity; when it succeeds to a fair extent in carrying out the purposes of the fraternity; when it demonstrates that it is an active and useful member of the body politic; when it maintains an efficient alumni organization and maintains a high standard of personal excellence in its membership. The rights of such chapters will always be championed by the large conservative element which, upon important occasions like those here indicated, will not fail make its influence felt, and will ensure full justice being done to all concerned.

The forcible withdrawal of charters is much to be regretted under any circumstances; it cannot be accomplished in most

instances without a great deal of friction and much ill-feeling either of a loud or quiet nature ; it usually alienates a large proportion of the alumni, who, although careless and neglectful in their duties and relations toward their chapter, suddenly seem to realize that by such action they, as well as the undergraduate, and even the college itself, have been grievously wronged. It is needless to deny that in at least a few instances the fraternity, in the judgment of its older and more conservative members, has acted in bad faith in throttling the chapters at several small institutions ; it is fortunate that the evil effect of such action upon the alumni has not been more far reaching than experience has shown. The chapters had played well their parts in the development of the fraternity in its earlier days, when their support was essential to its existence. Several chapters now on our list have a lasting claim upon the gratitude of the fraternity, and with ordinary precautions to maintain an efficient organization, need have no fear that Delta Tau Delta may desire to withdraw, even if the colleges that harbor them are not as progressive and as prosperous as many would wish.

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#### DELTA TAU DELTA IN IOWA.

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THE pioneer of Western Deltaism was Henry E. Allen, '77, of Lambda, and to him belongs the credit of establishing Delta Tau west of the Mississippi. In 1872 Allen entered Simpson, being induced to enter that college by his friend, Amos Baker, who had met him at Lombard, and who afterward became an initiate of Xi. Bro. Allen was not long in forming the acquaintance of the members of the "I. I. I. Fraternity," a local society at Simpson, founded as X. Y. Z. in 1869. Through Allen this society made application to  $\Delta T \Delta$  for a charter. The petition was granted, and May 8, 1873, Xi chapter was founded with seven charter members exclusive of the founder.

A little over a year later, Bros. Berry and Jewett, of Xi, established a chapter at Iowa Wesleyan University. This was reorganized in 1877 as Chi chapter, and had for rivals chapters

of  $B \Theta \Pi$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . For several years Chi had a prosperous existence, and counted among its members some very enthusiastic Delts. But some internal dissensions arising, which have never been satisfactorily explained, the chapter grew slack in meeting its obligations to the general fraternity, and fell a victim to the "pruning knife." Thus perished Chi Prime, which, only a few months before its decease, was pronounced by the fraternity Secretary to be the best chapter in the Fourth Division. There are still many Iowa Delts who look back with pride and pleasure to their connection with  $\Delta T \Delta$  at Iowa Wesleyan, and who would hail with delight any attempt to revive their old chapter.

In February, 1876, Bros. Samson and Barr, of Xi, founded Omega with twelve charter members. From the first this chapter has had a strong and vigorous growth. It seems to me that the general fraternity has been slow to appreciate the difficulties by which this chapter has been surrounded. The faculty has sometimes been hostile, and until lately never more than tolerated the fraternity. Among the students of this school there exists the bitterest hostility to secret societies, and against this hostility Omega has had to contend almost single-handed, being, however, always able to count on the sisterly aid of the I. C. L., the ladies' society. The standard of membership has always been high, since, having no rival, Omega has had no difficulty in initiating the best from an attendance of 300 or 400 students.

About 1878 a charter was granted to some students at Oskaloosa College. Only a few students of Oskaloosa were initiated, the majority of the initiates being from Penn College in the same city; at the beginning of the next year the whole membership were students at Penn. A petition was offered asking to have the charter transferred to Penn College, but the fraternity, recognizing the mistake of having founded the chapter at all, denied the request, and the chapter ceased to exist.

In 1879, Bro. T. J. Hysham, '85, of Xi, entered the State University, and the next year, with the aid of two other Delts, established Omicron. From correspondence now in the archives of Xi, it appears that the charter members were selected solely with a view to literary ability, and were the best possible choice

from the non-fraternity element in the University. Omicron has carried off many honors in oratory, and there seems to be no doubt that  $\Delta T \Delta$  leads the fraternities at the State University.

From first to last there has been established in Iowa five chapters of Delta Tau in the following colleges: Simpson, Iowa Wesleyan University, Iowa State College, Oskaloosa College and Iowa State University. Of these the second and fourth are now defunct.

For rivals,  $\Delta T \Delta$  meets in Iowa several of the Western fraternities and one of Southern origin. Following is a list of chapters and their location, given as nearly as known in the order of establishment:

$B \Theta \Pi$ , Iowa State University and Iowa Wesleyan;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , Iowa Wesleyan and Iowa State University;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , Simpson and State University;  $\Sigma X$ , State University;  $A T \Omega$ , Simpson.

Of ladies' societies, there is a goodly supply. We find in the State the following in order of establishment:

$\Pi B \Phi$  fraternity, better known as the I. C. Sorosis, at Iowa Wesleyan, Simpson, State College, State University and State Normal. The  $P E O$  Society has chapters at Iowa Wesleyan, Iowa Normal and other schools, not being confined to colleges. L. F. V. Sorosis, Simpson and Callanan;  $K \Lambda \Theta$  Fraternity, Simpson;  $K K \Gamma$  Fraternity, Simpson and State University.

The history of Iowa colleges is substantially that of every other Western State from Pennsylvania to Kansas. Every religious denomination founded one or more colleges, and the State established two. At present date Iowa ranks next to Ohio in the number of colleges, having nineteen in full blast. But the law of the survival of the fittest is doing its perfect work, and six or seven of these colleges are growing in influence, attendance, and, at the expense of the weaker, wealth.

There are possibly other schools in the State that will soon become the home of fraternities in spite of strong anti-fraternity regulations. Grinnell College, widely known for its adventure with a cyclone a few years ago, might very properly be called the Kenyon of Iowa, and Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, with its 500 or 600 students might be compared to Ohio Wesleyan.

O. A. KENNEDY, XI.



## Delta Tau Delta in Literature.

[Devoted to Reviews and Notices of the Works of Members of the Fraternity.]

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**THE RELATION OF INFANTS TO CHRIST.** Samuel Lynch Beiler, M.A. (Mu, 72). A doctrinal study read before the monthly meeting of the Alpha Chapter of the Convocation of Boston University. Printed in *The Alpha*, the organ of the Alpha Chapter.

**ESSENTIALS OF GEOMETRY.** Alfred H. Welsh, M.A. (Eta, '73). S. C. Griggs & Co., Chicago, 1885.

The most pleasing features to be mentioned of this geometry are : Its definitions, so well combining adequacy and conciseness ; the logical order preserved in the arrangement of theorems ; the simplicity and clearness of the demonstrations, and the all but faultless diagrams. In each of these respects it is not over-praising to say Prof. Welsh has more satisfactorily supplied the actual need of the class-room than did Euclid or Chauvenet or Olney. There is evidenced throughout the whole book, including both plane and spherical geometry, a ripe experience in class-work, and the author has not, in becoming author, laid aside the simple methods employed in teaching his own pupils. The genuine excellence of this text-book will hence be obvious. It is seldom that writers of geometries economize the learner's attention as Prof. Welsh does. The abridgment of old definitions in the most exact of the exact sciences is a very delicate operation, and an unskilled hand is sure to bring ruinous results ; but we are convinced that, in not a few instances in the present work, the author has not only shortened but completely re-expressed definitions, and has done it well. The chief good resulting is invariably to be found in the economizing of attention—release of the thought from the unimportant and incidental, and the concentration of it in the important and essential. The old confusion of stating a theorem and its converse altogether has been well avoided, and there is, in that regard, marked conservation of the pupil's attention. It is an excellent geometry, not a needless addition to the already extensive bibliography of its subject, but a geometry written by a capable hand and pursuant to a fixed design. The pupil, in studying this book, will find a clear and distinct view opened to

him, for the curtains have been drawn aside by one who is at once a mathematician and a psychologist. Prof. Welsh deserves the heartiest congratulations and thanks of all earnest teachers.

**ESSENTIALS OF ENGLISH.** Prof. A. H. Welsh, A.M. (Eta, '78). S. C. Griggs & Co., Chicago, 1885.

In this work Prof. Welsh has admirably succeeded in preparing a volume specially adapted to academies and preparatory schools. A knowledge of the principles of grammar is important, and the work embodies in a lucid, yet logical and practical way, all of these that are of real value. But it is not a mere grammar, but a clear, concise and intelligent study of our mother tongue. As a study of English, previous to English literature, it is complete, and will be of material assistance to the student in acquiring a thorough command of the language. The work is so thorough, comprehensive and scholarly, the subject matter so interesting and well arranged, that it cannot fail to win the attention of all lovers of good English.

**A COMPLETE RHETORIC.** Prof. A. H. Welsh, A. M. (Eta, '78). S. C. Griggs & Co., Chicago, 1886.

The ground-idea of this work is that the proper object of rhetorical training is not to produce glibness, assurance, or fluency,—which will come afterward if not constitutionally wanting,—but to drill the young in the art of reasoning, in the arrangement of materials, in the quick perception of relations, in penetrating to the heart of questions; to enable students, not simply to avoid gross mistakes in grammar and ambiguous and obscure expressions, but to state facts and opinions and arguments so as to please and move as well as to instruct; not only to furnish the practical precepts and exercises by which the student acquires skill in writing, but to impart a knowledge of literary art and history, to rectify vicious tastes, and to cultivate appreciation of thought-values. From the *National Journal of Education*, Boston, we quote: "This work is of great practical importance to students of the English language and literature. Prof. Welsh has come to be recognized as an author of marked ability and a safe guide on all questions relating to the English language. In this book he discusses in a lucid and entertaining style every topic belonging properly to the province of rhetoric. \* \* \* The student is introduced in a comprehensive way to the art of reasoning by a proper arrangement

of materials, by an insight into the relations of expression, and by a thorough examination of the vital points in the discussion of questions. The methods taught are concise, clear and thorough. Mr. Welsh practically illustrates his teachings by the forcible style of his own writing upon the topics discussed in this work. Logical common-sense characterizes all his works in behalf of a correct use of the language. We are confident that this new rhetoric will be hailed with satisfaction by all good teachers and inquiring students."

**VEGETABLE MORPHOLOGY A CENTURY AGO.** T. H. McBride (Theta Prime, Monmouth, '69), Prof. of Botany, State University of Iowa.

A series of articles published in late numbers of *Science*, which have attracted a good deal of attention among those interested in Botany. Prof. McBride writes with a thorough understanding of his subject, and says what he has to say in terse and beautiful language. He is an enthusiastic worker in educational fields, having had charge of the "Iowa Educational exhibit" at New Orleans, which ranked first.

## Editorial.

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THE aims and ambitions of fraternities vary with their names. One fraternity finds in superb and elaborate chapter-houses the highest good; another fascinates and enthralls the unwary barbarian with a dazzling array of celebrated statesmen, judges, and men of high educational or literary reputation; still another takes a delirious enjoyment in attenuating a chapter list already long as a bill in chancery; another discards the plebeian and base-born and yearns for gentlemen of distinguished ancestry and high social standing; and so on until the list is exhausted. All these are exceedingly valuable in their way, and as far as they go. But what this Delta Tau Delta fraternity wants and needs most is one thousand Deltas to subscribe for THE CRESCENT, and pay their subscription in advance; not less than four hundred Deltas to pay an annual amount into a fund devoted to extension, and to the assistance of new and struggling chapters; at least ten chapters to start chapter papers, with their alumni substantially supporting the enterprise; two hundred Deltas to immediately purchase the remaining catalogues; twenty-five Deltas of literary culture and ability, who will take an active interest in the development of the literary department of THE CRESCENT; thirty chapter correspondents who know how to write a readable letter, and who will devote a share of time and talent to their important duties, and make their department what it ought to be—the most enjoyable in the journal. When these plain, modest and practical ambitions are realized we can calmly and serenely await the arrival of chapter-houses, Congressmen, and other gilt-edged trappings for holiday, banquet and dress-parade display.

At a Province Convention of Sigma Chi held lately in Chicago, a committee, of which Mr. W. L. Fisher, the able and talented editor of *The Sigma Chi*, was chairman, placed before the meeting a programme of fraternity questions for discussion. With a few alterations, neces-

sary to adapt it to the uses of our own fraternity, we publish it in full below. We place it in our Editorial Department because we believe it to be the most admirable and logical arrangement of all the questions that are now of moment and practical importance to Delta Tau and every other wide-awake fraternity. The programme is worthy of discussion not only in Division Conferences but at the General Convention, in chapter meetings, and wherever Delta Taus are wont to assemble. We heartily commend it to our members, and warmly urge an intelligent consideration and thoughtful discussion of the subjects presented :

1. Division Conferences.
  - (a) General—Their methods and scope.
  - (b) Special—Matters pertaining to each Grand Division.
2. The Fraternity Magazine.
  - (a) Financial.
    - (1) Subscriptions of Active Members.
    - (2) Alumni circulation.
  - (b) Editorial.
    - (1) General literary support and management.
    - (2) The work of Chapter Correspondents.
3. Financial Matters.
  - (a) General Fraternity finance.
  - (c) Individual chapter finances.
4. The Fraternity Catalogue.
  - (a) Matters of Publication and Finance.
  - (b) Historical Material.
  - (c) Biographical Material.
5. Alumni Relations to the Fraternity.
  - (a) Alumni Chapters.
  - (b) Alumni and the Active Chapters.
6. Inter-Chapter Relations.
  - (a) Acquaintance.
  - (b) Correspondence.
7. Chapter Records.
  - (a) Minutes.
  - (b) Other Records.

8. Chapter Libraries.
  - (a) Contents.
  - (b) Ways and Means.
9. The General Fraternity Library.
  - (a) Contents.
  - (b) Ways and Means.
10. Chapter Houses.
  - (a) Advantages and Management.
  - (b) Ways and Means.
11. Extension.
  - (a) Eastern.
  - (b) Western.
  - (c) Southern.
12. Nature of the Secrecy of the Fraternity.
13. Extended Chapter Histories.
14. The next Annual Convention.
  - (a) Place.
  - (b) Time.
  - (c) Questions for Debate and Decision.
    - (<sup>1</sup>) The Prep. Question.
    - (<sup>2</sup>) Constitutional Amendments.
    - (<sup>3</sup>) The Withdrawal of Charters.
    - (<sup>4</sup>) Regulation of Taxes and Assessments.
    - (<sup>5</sup>) Miscellaneous Subjects.
15. Character and Methods of Individual Chapter Work.
  - (a) Character of the meetings.
  - (b) General standard of membership.
  - (c) Numbers.
  - (d) Methods of solicitation.
  - (e) Ritualistic observance and knowledge.
  - (f) Constitutional observance and knowledge.
  - (g) General knowledge of Delta Tau Delta matters and history.
  - (h) General knowledge of Greek-Letter Society matters and history.
  - (i) Songs and song-book.
16. Honorary Members.
17. The Expulsion of Members.

FROM a recent letter of Hon. Alfred M. Post, Beta, '69, who is the Judge of the Fourth Judicial District of Nebraska, we quote the following :

I am much pleased with *THE CRESCENT*. It speaks well for the enterprise of the younger members of the fraternity, and I predict will exert a powerful influence in extending and strengthening the *Δ T Δ*. I hand you, enclosed, the price of one year's subscription. I also received lately a copy of the General Catalogue of 1884, with which I am much pleased. The compilers have done their work well. I notice with pleasure and pride the continued success in life of my brothers of old Beta.

Although it is pleasant to feel that one's efforts are appreciated, we publish this extract from no personal motive, but simply because it serves our purpose to show that the fraternity idea is more than a school boy's chimera or the irrational sentiment of visionary college students. The simple fact that men of public prominence like Judge Post, who have for years been far removed from the circles of fraternity influence and association, continue to look back upon their fraternity days with pleasure ; that they commend the work of their fraternity, view its progress and prosperity with satisfaction, and give their personal support in promoting its most vital interests,—this in itself is a valid and convincing argument for the existence of fraternities. While the Greek Societies continue to enlist the active interest, the warm sympathy, the moral sanction of such men, they can well afford to contemptuously ignore the harmless invective and vapid denunciation of anti-fraternity screamers and ranters.

THE Zeta chapter of Chi Phi, at Franklin and Marshall College, asked for and obtained permission from the General Convention of that fraternity, held in New York city in November, to initiate members belonging to a former chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. A resolution to this effect appears in the official printed proceedings of that body, and must be regarded as authentic. Before commenting further on this subject we desire to offer as our excuse for discussing the secret acts of Chi Phi in this manner, that this so immediately affects the interests of our fraternity that *THE CRESCENT*, true to its mission, is amply justified in taking such a step.

We are assured that the members of our late Tau chapter at Franklin and Marshall College have not, until quite recently, been aware of this action on the part of Chi Phi. Overtures, it is true, were made some months ago by at least two of the fraternities at that

college, Chi Phi being one of them, to individual members of our fraternity, but they were promptly repelled. The members of Tau are too sensitive of their personal honor to forget and violate their obligations to Delta Tau Delta, no matter how keenly they may feel, and deeply regret, the action of the last Convention in withdrawing their charter. It is evident, then, that Chi Phi made its calculations without due regard to both parties of the proposed bargain, and that it was done in anticipation of a *possibility* that our late Tau chapter might, individually or collectively, accept its invitation. The act, moreover, in our estimation, is entirely characteristic of Chi Phi at Franklin and Marshall College, whose methods and practices in both college and interfraternity relations have, for many years, been of a particularly vicious and obnoxious character. Had they known, as many members of our fraternity do know, the feeling of our brethren of the Tau toward that chapter of Chi Phi in particular and that fraternity in general, they would scarcely have taken the trouble to ask for a privilege in their General Convention, which they since have found cannot be exercised. They have misjudged Tau's ideas of personal association and have underestimated its sense of honor.

Aside, however, from this view of the matter, which reflects alike honor and credit upon the loyalty of our men, there is another aspect of the case. Chi Phi, we understand on good authority, has long desired to withdraw from Franklin and Marshall College, probably owing to the character of its chapter. It is interesting to imagine what might occur when the time for its departure from that college will have come. It remains to be seen whether men who tempt others, as its Zeta chapter have done, will remain true to their fraternity under similar circumstances.

What of the position of the General Convention of Chi Phi in this matter? We do not know by what vote the resolution, referred to here, was adopted. We can only hope that there may have been a strong minority, and that the majority did not fairly represent the best thought and element in Chi Phi. There are at least a few chapters of that fraternity which, we know, would not knowingly countenance such a scheme, that should merit the severest censure of every decent fraternity man. We cannot assume that Chi Phi should be so lax in its ideas of comity and justice. We therefore assume, in all charity, that the Convention which authorized such an act, did not represent the best elements of the fraternity.



WE are in receipt of recent numbers of *The Rho Chronicle*, which has now entered upon its seventh volume, and has reached us during that time with almost unfailing regularity. Up to within two years it was published by our chapter at the Stevens Institute of Technology. It was then enlarged, its sphere extended, and is now issued jointly by the Rho and Upsilon at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. It was justly reasoned, in thus changing the scope and character of the paper, that inasmuch as the alumni of these two chapters, as members of the same profession, that of engineering, have many interests in common, a publication which would contain alumni personalia, chapter, college and fraternity news, and similar features, would prove equally acceptable to the alumni and undergraduates of our two technical schools.

*The Chronicle* affords an excellent insight into the methods of the two chapters; and we have no doubt that much of their prosperity and general efficiency are due to the hearty feeling of concord and the practical co-operation which characterize the relations between their undergraduates and alumni. These are carefully fostered by the agency of *The Chronicle*. It aims to supplement,—by no means to supplant,—the general fraternity journal; that it does its work without detriment to THE CRESCENT, is shown by the large subscription list which Rho, the older of the two chapters, annually contributes for its support. Nor does it conflict in any way with the interests of the college journal, as inquiry to that effect has shown. As an aid in maintaining an efficient organization within the ranks of the chapter alumni its value cannot be overestimated.

The enterprise, in some respects, is unique in the history of college fraternities. Attempts have been made from time to time by ambitious chapters of other fraternities to conduct these chapter papers, and in our own fraternity *The Iota Chronicle*, *Epsilon Star*, and *Beta Beta Reporter* are instances in point. None of these, however, remain to-day as permanent features in the work of those chapters, owing probably to the inadequate financial support which they received on the part of the alumni, rather than from any inability or unwillingness of the undergraduates to assume the duty of publishing the papers.

*The Rho Chronicle* was primarily designed for circulation within the two chapters and among their alumni. It is familiar to all of the chapters; we do not, however, think that it is generally known that it is sustained wholly by means of voluntary subscriptions on part of the

alumni, who seem to provide liberally for all of its wants. We regard this as a most encouraging feature ; the expenses of publication cannot be small, and it is satisfactory to know that the enterprise is self-sustaining, and that the undergraduates are merely required to attend to the details of publication.

There are to-day a dozen or more chapters of our fraternity, whose alumni are sufficiently numerous to enable the undergraduates to provide at least a quarterly, if not a monthly, publication like *The Rho Chronicle*. An annual or semi-annual circular letter, as issued by some of the fraternities under constitutional enactment, while useful in a measure, cannot, however, serve the purpose as well as can be done in a quarterly, or, better still, a monthly paper. We feel sure that if any of our chapters who desire to give the plan a trial, will communicate with the managers of *The Chronicle*, they will be able to obtain much information as to how best to secure alumni co-operation in an enterprise of this kind.

We commend these suggestions to the careful consideration of our older chapters especially, and hope to be made fully acquainted with any plans that may be formed. If one or two of the alumni will take the trouble to agitate this subject of their colleagues, and provide the undergraduates with the "sinews of war," they will, we firmly believe, find every chapter prepared to carry out, so far as it lies in the power of the undergraduates to do so, the arrangement for a chapter paper.

THE want of a Fraternity Song Book is painfully apparent at every chapter meeting, at every social reunion, at every fraternity convention and banquet. It must, indeed, be confessed that song is an almost forgotten feature, a lost accomplishment, in many of our chapters. Nothing would do more toward emphasizing the sentimental side of our fraternity than poetry and song, which should receive the best thought and attention that the fraternity can command. It is surprising that this long-felt want has never been supplied. The subject of a Fraternity Song Book has been discussed for at least a half decade, has been entrusted to several chapters in turn, and yet, until quite recently, these efforts have never even promised to lead to something tangible. In this matter, however, Delta Tau Delta has sympathizing companions in the most of her sister fraternities. The number of really successful and meritorious song collections of other fraternities can be numbered on one's fingers' ends ; there are a score or more of

song books, so-called, which are the merest apologies for the name. It is well, perhaps, that Delta Tau Delta has not heretofore placed herself on record in this direction, for it is not likely that any attempt which might have resulted in a song book would have attained the best standards current in this field of fraternity literature to-day.

We believe, however, that we are nearer than ever the solution of the problem which has so long confronted us. The work is in the hands of the Iota, long known as a chapter which has done more than most others in voicing the praises of Delta Tau Delta in both poetry and song. Bro. Lucius W. Hoyt, of Grand Rapids, Mich., an alumnus of the Iota, has immediate charge of the work; himself a musician and lover of music, we may hope with good reason that the energy and interest which he is devoting to the work entrusted to his care may soon result in something tangible. Bro. Hoyt, we believe, fully realizes the imperfections of the majority of fraternity song books, and, having at command a number of them, we may be sure that he will exercise such a censorship over the contributions for the song book which will keep it free from the puerile and meaningless songs which mar so many fraternity song books; nor is the music so largely in both college and fraternity song books of that high order which one might reasonably expect; the airs and melodies, so largely borrowed from negro and other hackneyed current song, cannot compare with the songs found at German and English universities. Our own fraternity airs should be so selected, either originally or by adaptation, that when heard in after life, upon festive occasions, they might incite only pleasant recollections of gatherings in some far-distant chapter-hall.

It is proposed to publish in one dainty volume the "Songs and Poems of Delta Tau Delta." There is material enough on hand, even at this time, to make it creditable to the fraternity. It may not be possible, perhaps, to reach at once the highest standards, for several of the fraternities have published repeatedly revised editions of their song books. We cannot, however, much longer delay the publication of the book; the immediate wants of the fraternity are too pressing and too well known to admit of further postponement. We trust, therefore, that the chapters will cordially co-operate with Bro. Hoyt in his efforts to make the volume one of both use and ornament to the fraternity.

## The Greek World.

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THE editor of the Chi Psi *Purple and Gold*, in speaking of Fraternity Government, remarks :

What are some of these plans of government ? One of our friends has suffered long under the grand chapter system, which, be it said, he acknowledges to be imperfect. What we have said of the pernicious effect of under-graduate control applies here. Each convention placed the power in new and untried hands. In the language of political science it was an elective monarchy. History has demonstrated the failure of such a governmental system. Experience has shown to more than one fraternity that it is equally a failure in society life. Still less may be said of that system which makes the mother chapter the perpetual seat of government. No words are needed to prove its weakness. A grand council of alumni can hardly be called the ideal system. Exclusive alumni control, it should be remembered, virtually disfranchises the active members. The fact, however, that there is an experienced head to the government in the person of the president of the council must not be overlooked. When, as we interpret the system of a certain fraternity, the presidents of divisions bind the alumni board of control closely to the under-graduates, little fault can be found with its solution of the problem. The system of a governing committee composed of under-graduates and alumni has been tried. One of the latter as chairman of the board is ostensibly the head of the fraternity. Prominent alumni may be elected to nominal offices, but the executive control rests in the mixed board. This seems to be the coming system, and many fraternities have already adopted it. It unites in one board representatives of the two great divisions of a fraternity. Power is centralized where the experience of the older brother can balance and check the enthusiasm of his younger associate. The bond between alumnus and collegian is drawn closer. Inherent faults and defects every plan must have in a greater or less degree. Nevertheless, as we look abroad among the scores of fraternities, we cannot but feel that this system and systems closely allied to it are destined to stand in fraternity history where stands the republican form of government in the greater world.

GOVERNOR SAMUEL D. McENERY, of Louisiana, is a  $\Phi K \Sigma$ ; John Bigelow, ex-Minister to France, is a  $\Sigma \Phi$ ; Mr. Justice Stephen J. Field is a  $\Delta \Upsilon$ , and not a  $\Psi \Upsilon$  as the type made us say in our last number; William G. Goodloe, ex-Minister to Belgium, is a  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ; the late B. Gratz Brown, candidate for Vice

CHI PSI is represented in the present (49th) Congress by one Senator and four Representatives.

It is said that the charter of the University of Chicago Chapter of  $\Psi T$  has been withdrawn.

EX-PRESIDENT ARTHUR has been elected President of the New York Psi Upsilon Association.

ONLY four men have been initiated by the fraternities at Hanover College this year.

THE Convention of the Fifth Province of Sigma Chi met in Chicago on January 4.

CHI PSI at Williams expects to break ground soon for a new chapter house.

$\Sigma A E$  has established a chapter at Wofford College.

$K \Sigma$  has entered Perdue University.

## Chapter Letters.

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### Beta Epsilon — Emory.

WE are moving along smoothly at Emory, and there is nothing very interesting occurring. Since the last number of *THE CRESCENT* came out, the reports of the relative standing of the students were read in the Chapel. The "Delta Taus" shared the third mark in the junior class; the first, second and third in the soph.; the third in the freshman, and the first in the sub-freshman. All of our boys came out well—none were low in class-standing.

Our chapter is in a good condition, and is moving steadily onward in her progress. Although it seemed that the fates were against us for awhile, we are now hopeful that our chapter ere long will be unexcelled in Emory. We greatly feel the lack of Delta Taus in the South. There are so few in the South that it is quite a rare thing ever to meet one. We plead for Southern extension.

### Psi—Wooster.

MISS A. B. IRISH, Ph. D., Prof. of German Language and Literature in the University, died of scarlet fever, February 12. The school has not received so severe a shock since its establishment. Miss Irish was esteemed by all, and especially by those who were privileged to be in her classes. But what is our loss, we have reason to believe, is her gain.

Wooster's Preliminary Oratorical Contest was won again by a Delt—Bro. J. M. Shallenberger. He took for his subject, "Liberty Enlightening the World." It was treated in a masterly manner, and fairly captivated the audience. Bro. Shelly will represent Wooster at the Inter-Collegiate Contest, to be held at Granville, February 18. Expect to hear from it. Nothing special is happening here among the frats. The  $\Phi K \Psi$ s bring out a man every now and then, but the other frats. are holding off.

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Our work this year has united in Beta Kappa the best element in the College. We feel that our roll of members can not be bettered. All are active and interested in the progress of Beta Kappa Chapter, and the fraternity in general. The alumni in this State are active with us also, and have aided us in making some very substantial improvements.

#### Phi — Hanover.

FRATERNITY news is very scarce at Hanover just now ; none of the frats. seem to be doing anything. This has been a very poor year all round for new fraternity men — only three or four new men have been taken in by all the fraternities here. They all seem to have hopes for the future, and  $\Delta T \Delta$  joins with them in this desire. Bro. Ryker, class '82, of the Signal Service, stationed at Indianapolis, is here on a visit to his home. He is looking well, and seems to be in the very best of spirits. We don't know anything about it, but we suspect that Bro. R. is getting tired of the oneness of the life he is leading just now, and is contemplating a change, which is a little out of the order of a weather prophet. The coming Oratorical Contest for the choosing of a speaker to represent the college in the State Oratorical Contest next April, promises to be the most exciting Hanover has ever had, there being six or seven contestants.  $\Delta T \Delta$  having no seniors is out of the ring, so will take a back seat, and divide her hopes and good wishes among all the contestants. Phi is in good working order now ; everything moves smoothly along. Two of our men had the honor places on the 22nd of February exhibition.

#### Rho—Stevens.

IMMEDIATELY after the Christmas holidays, the Chapter signalized its return to college duties and pleasures by holding, on January 8, 1886, an informal re-union,—the occasion of the first meeting of the new term. It was designed to bring together for a pleasant evening the undergraduates and the alumni of Rho, and also to present to the latter our Freshman delegation, to which we hoped to have been able to make an addition of two on

that occasion. Unforeseen circumstances, however, delayed these initiations until one or two weeks afterward ; nevertheless our alumni were able to meet with two of our Freshmen. Among the eighteen alumni present were several who graduated many years ago, in the early history of the chapter. It is needless to say that all the undergraduates were on hand. We also had the pleasure of having with us Brothers W. W. Cook,  $\Delta$ , '80, H. R. Asserson,  $\Gamma$ , '87, and F. F. Martinez,  $\Sigma$ , '82. Arrangements had been made for an appropriate collation, and the resources of the lately-established chapter culinary department were for the first time tried. Speeches were made by several of the alumni and undergraduates,—college matters being chiefly the topic of the remarks. In the judgment of those present it was a decided success, lessening, by an appreciable extent, the gap between the chapter and the alumni, which time tends to widen, and which must be checked by such occasional reunions. We have since initiated the two freshmen whom we had hoped to present to our alumni at the reunion. Mr. Wm. J. Hamilton, of Albany, N. Y., was initiated on January 15, and Mr. Wm. Dixie Hoxie, on January 29. We had quite a number of alumni with us at Bro. Hoxie's initiation, and our china was again tried.

On the whole, the last Conference held in New York, February 22, under the auspices of the Chapter Sigma, was quite a success, some very important topics being discussed. The performance witnessed by the theater party and the banquet might have been better, the latter, however, was very enjoyable. We hope to make a great success of next year's Conference, which will be held under our auspices. Our chapter library, which is now being catalogued by Bro. Peck, has grown to be quite an important factor. Though yet young, it now contains over 500 volumes, which are of great interest and use to us. In our next communication we hope to be able to present a statement of the Fraternity System at Stevens, regarded from a statistical and historical standpoint, and which we hope may prove interesting.

**Beta Zeta — Butler.**

THIS term has proved a very prosperous one for the college. In the classes and societies the students have shown an unusual devotion to their work. Almost nothing of a sensational nature has occurred. At the first of the term the ladies of the "Demia Butler" literary society, a society excluding fraternity members, appeared each with a neatly devised badge. The first impression among the students was that another fraternity had been introduced. Our chapter, which, after struggling so long for existence, experienced such a sudden growth last term, is still holding its own. Our ranks have lately been strengthened by one of the best members of the freshman class. This addition, H. L. Wilson, we take the pleasure to introduce to the Delta world. Bro. Wise, who was obliged to stay out last term, is welcomed back by us all; now we are thirteen.

**Alpha — Allegheny.**

PERMIT us to introduce to you Bros. C. S. H. Smith, '89, Buffalo, N. Y., Allen I. Warren, '89, Wheeling, W. Va., both of whom we initiated since our last communication to THE CRESCENT. These are two of the finest men, to say the least, that entered college this year. Our chapter feels proud of having made this accession. This swells our numbers to nine active members, although we were one at the beginning of the collegiate year. This will show the hold that Alpha has upon our college. Our numbers may fall away, but the spirit will always remain. There are one or two men in college we are now looking up. We only hope they may prove to possess the requisites of a loyal Delta. Alpha has finally commenced the publication of a chapter paper called the *Choctaw Pow-Wow*, the first number of which she mailed recently. This is something that our chapter has long needed. We will endeavor to make it an interesting sheet,—one full of college note, alumni news, etc. We hope by this means to recall to the minds of our alumni the pleasant times spent while actives. Our annual Choctaw Pow-Wow and Walk Around will take place on Friday, February 26, at the

Commercial Hotel. We look upon this as one of the many pleasant features of the chapter. We all look forward to it with many happy anticipations, as it has always proven to be most enjoyable. Bros. Baldwin and Kistler made us a very pleasant call, and gave us many kind words of encouragement. May they come often.

Xi — Simpson.

Our goat has again performed its official duty, and we chronicle the birth of a new frater. Samuel M. Fegthy, '90, of Nevada, Iowa, was initiated on the evening of January 28, who makes the eighth active member who assembles at the regular Saturday evening meetings. We are pleased to note the reanimated prosperity of Simpson College. She enrolls more students this term than ever before in her history. With an enlarged faculty and additional financial encouragement recently received, guaranteeing more surely the erection of another new building during the coming summer season, her outlook never appeared more promising. Our active force enjoyed a pleasant little mid-winter "diversion" the evening of January 21. After convening in the chapter rooms to spend a short time with their ladies, they adjourned *en masse* to listen to the entertainment given by the Schubert Quartette at the Opera Hall, then repaired to the Central House, where an informal supper was partaken of and the other pleasantries unavoidable upon such occasions were enjoyed till a late hour. We continue to adorn our chapter hall from time to time with an additional article of furniture or other convenience, the latest of which is a large and most elegantly bound copy of the Holy Scriptures. We have recently adopted and are now working under a thoroughly revised and improved code of chapter by-laws, and have ameliorated our internal condition by introducing other innovations. Rev. C. C. Calhoun, alumnus of a defunct eastern chapter, but whose name unfortunately does not occur in the new catalogue, is pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Indianola.

## Alumni of Delta Tau Delta.

### ALPHA—ALLEGHENY.

'68. Dr. J. S. Stewart has a good practice at Homestead, Pa., near Pittsburgh.

'68. C. M. Carnahan is partner in the Linden Iron Works, at Pittsburgh.

'70. James E. Duncan, of Pittsburgh, is a member of the firm of Duncan & Sons, glass manufacturers, Pittsburgh.

'72. L. L. Davis, J. N. White and W. H. White, are rising attorneys of Pittsburgh.

'82. F. Mc K. White is Physician to the Work House of Allegheny county, Pa.

'82. E. Q. Whistle is with Bissel & Co., wholesale stoves, &c., Pittsburgh.

'73. H. H. Marcy, attorney at law, Pittsburgh.

'84. J. C. White is attending the Dental College of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. He is president of the senior class.

'74. Wm. H. Brown and "Sam" Brown, Gamma, '63, are leading coal producers of Pittsburgh.

'82. J. D. Watson is studying law with his father in Pittsburgh.

'78. C. E. Mills is traveling in Europe, pursuing his art studies.

'83. J. M. McCready is attending lectures at Bellevue medical school, New York.

'85. J. M. Thompson took his degree of M. D. from Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, on Feb. 25, 1886.

'84. E. W. Day, of the U. S. Signal Corps, has been ordered to Washington for promotion.

'80. P. Y. Kimball is general advertising agent for P., C. & St. L. R. R., and P., F. W. & C. R. R.

'83. Irvine Watson is general agent of the Merrick Thread Company west of the Missouri river, with headquarters at Lincoln, Neb.

'84. Will A. Pitton, M. D., has accepted a position in the Tennessee Insane Hospital at Knoxville.

'77. W. C. Bear is becoming prominent as a criminal lawyer at Newcastle, Pa.

'71. Rev. D. H. Geissinger of Easton, Pa., was present as guest of the Martin Luther Society, upon the occasion of its third annual meeting, on February 9, 1886; he responded to the toast "The Layman's Part in Church Duty."

### KAPPA—HILLSDALE.

'69. Will Carleton contributed an article on "A Grandson of Robert Burns" to James Parton's new book entitled "Some Noted Princes, Authors and Statesmen of our Time."

'70. The Hon. Albert J. Hopkins represents the Fifth District of Illinois in the Forty-ninth Congress. He was a Presidential Elector for Illinois, on the Blaine and Logan ticket in 1884.

'69. Prof. Copp, a founder of the Kappa, spent the holiday vacation in Boston, attending the sessions of the Modern Language Association.

'75. Otto Fowle is a banker at Sault Ste Marie, Mich.

'75. Professor A. E. Haynes was elected a member of the London Mathematical Society on December 10, 1885.

'83. Married.—At Reading, Mich., Jan. 14, Blon J. Arnold to Miss Stella Berry. They at once took their departure to their new home in Milwaukee, Wis., where B. J. is in the employ of E. P. Allis, engine manufacturers. This firm designed the famous Corliss engine at the Philadelphia Centennial.

'73. A. M. Gould is president of the Michigan Alumni Association of Delta Tau Delta.

### BETA BETA—DE PAUW.

'71. Harvey B. Fatout, at the meeting of the Association of Surveyors and Civil Engineers of Indiana, held in Indianapolis, Jan. 12, 1886, read a paper on "Fees of County Surveyors," in which he called attention to the inconsistencies and ambiguities of the Indiana Fee-Bill, which was enacted years ago, when the principal work to be done was land surveying, while now that is the smaller part; at present it is a great hindrance to the adjustment of charges. The paper certainly revealed a very bad state of affairs and was very generally discussed by the Association. Bro. Fatout was elected Recording Secretary of the society for the ensuing year.

'81. Thomas Edward Rowan, son of the Hon. John and Sarah F. Rowan, was born near Livermore, McLean County, Kentucky, October 1, 1859; entered the Freshman class of DePauw University in September, 1877; initiated into Delta Tau Delta November 29, 1879; graduated with the degree of B. A. in June,

1881; his chosen profession was the law, but he devoted himself to farming in hopes of recovering his failing health; died of pneumonic phthisis at his home in Livermore, November 19, 1886, and was buried at Pleasant Hill M. E. Church, in McLean County, the following day.

#### EPSILON—ALBION.

'73. R. E. Clark, now of Jackson, Mich., contemplates moving to Chicago, whence he will take the road in the employ of a wholesale hardware house.

'73. H. A. Mills is making a grand success of his work as Dean of the School of Fine Arts at De Pauw University.

'73. C. H. Chase has solved a problem on which opticians have heretofore labored unsuccessfully. He has invented an apparatus for grinding telescope lenses. The process has heretofore been accomplished only by hand and at great expense.

'80. C. C. Brown and C. R. Welch with their wives have left Dakota and come home to roost for the winter.

'81. "Weighing the baby" was a scene at Z. A. Clough's home, Chesoming, Mich., one day recently. It is a girl.

'82. J. W. Davids is pastor of the M. E. Church, at Lowell, Mich. He writes that he is meeting with great success in his work.

'83. W. O. Carrier will graduate from the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Auburn, N. Y., this spring. He now fills a pulpit near Auburn.

'84. G. E. Willits is interested in a book publishing house, in Chicago.

'85. H. C. Morris is principal of the Marleth, Mich., high school. He is reported to be doing nobly in his efforts to teach the young idea how to shoot.

'85. G. H. Hicks is station agent at Grayling, Mich., on the M. C. R. R. It is a good position and no one deserves it more richly than does Bert.

'85. A. D. Niskun will graduate from West Point this year.

'85. M. O. Reed is showing the people at Cassville, Mich., what a live man can do at teaching school.

'87. J. T. Docking is attending the M. E. Theological School at Boston, Mass. He is also assistant librarian of the institution.

'87. Tom Cox is the deservedly popular pastor of the M. E. Church at Nashville, Mich.

#### GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

'84. Albert W. Kennon is attending the Cincinnati Law School.

'84. Elmer F. Frasher is studying medicine at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

'83. Charles C. B. Reid will complete his law course at Columbia this year.

'83. M. H. Stevenson has been admitted to the Washington County bar.

'73. Prof. J. F. Ray, occupying the chair of Physics and Chemistry of Washington and Jefferson College, was highly complimented at the meeting of the Pittsburgh Alumni Association, November 29.

#### DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

'73. The Rev. Dr. Albert W. Ryan is the rector of Trinity Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church, Warren, Penn.

'82. J. F. Gallagher is practicing law at Michigan City, Ind.

'82. H. C. Alexander is a civil engineer in the Dep't of Public Works of the City of Chicago.

'83. C. D. Willard, who has been dangerously ill of typhoid fever, is now in California for his health.

'84. J. S. Callard, C. E., is now constructing a bridge for the Spring Valley Coal Co., of Spring Valley, Ill. He is Supervising Engineer of a division of the Chicago & N.-W. R. R., with office at De Kalb, Ill.

'78. Paul H. Hanns, Professor of Mathematics in the University of Colorado, has a mathematical work, "Determinants," coming from the press of Ginn & Co., Boston, early this spring.

#### NU—LAFAYETTE.

'82. L. G. Schultz, of the U. S. Signal Service, has been assigned by the government to a post-graduate course of study at Harvard University.

'84. W. E. Schoch is now attending the Medical Department of the University of Pa.

'84. Geo. A. Chase is traveling in the West.

'84. A. R. Niles is in partnership with his father, Hon. J. B. Niles, attorneys at law, Welleboro, Pa.

'87. J. B. Hanna, at last accounts, was still in business in Denison, Texas.

'88. R. F. Stewart is teaching school in Center Co., Penn.

'88. R. C. Montellus has not returned to college on account of the death of his father. He is now connected with the firm of which his father was a member, at Mount Carmel, Pa.



## XI—SIMPSON.

'73. Hon. W. F. Powell, member of State Legislature, '81 and '82, is the present city attorney of Indianola.

'73. C. W. Honnold is a prosperous merchant of Indianola.

'76. F. B. Taylor, late editor of the *Advocate-Tribune*, has been added to the reportorial staff of the *Iowa Daily State Leader*.

'77. R. P. Anderson is practicing law at Seward, Neb.

'79. J. T. McClure, attorney at law, is located at Beaver City, Neb.

'78. Ira M. DeLong has resigned his professorship at Iowa Central University, and is engaged in educational work elsewhere at present.

'84. C. H. Miller, traveling agent, visited his home in Indianola and the chapter recently.

'84. I. S. Smith is the recent county superintendent elect of Park Co., Colorado.

'86. Rob't Thomson is attending business college at Quincy, Ill.

## UPSILON PRIME—ILLINOIS STATE.

'72. Dr. James N. Matthews has a poem, "The Doctor to his Horse," in the *Current*, of Chicago, for January 23, 1886.

'72. Prof. Ira O. Baker has an article entitled "To Find the True Meridian," in *Engineering News*, New York, for December 12, 1885. He is the regular Illinois correspondent for that journal. He is the prime mover of a proposed Association of Civil Engineers and Surveyors, of Illinois, having issued a call in *Engineering News*, November 23, 1885, for a meeting to be held February 10, 1886. He was present at the meeting of the Association of Surveyors and Civil Engineers, of Indiana, in Indianapolis, on January 19, 1886, and was elected an honorary member of the same.

## RHO—STEVENS.

'76. William Kent was elected a member of the Board of Managers of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, at their Boston meeting in November.

'76. James E. Denton has recently been granted letters patent for several improvements in rock drills.

'77. William I. Cooper is receiving teller of the National State Bank, Newark, N. J.

'77. Edward A. Uehling is now superintendent of Sharpville Furnace, Sharpville, Pa. He has received letters patent for improvements in blast furnace details; also a patent for improvements in burning gas fuel.

'80. George M. Bond read a paper entitled, "Standards for Pipe Threads," at the Boston meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. His lecture before the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, on "Standards of Length as applied to Gauge Dimensions," is now being published in London *Engineering*.

'77. John Rapelje was, on November 1st, appointed General Roadmaster of the Colorado Division of the Union Pacific Railroad, with headquarters at Denver.

'81. Chas. A. Gifford has one of thirteen designs for stables in Part III, of Architectural Studies, edited by F. A. Wright, and recently published by Wm. T. Comstock, No. 6 Astor Place, New York. He had a design for a city house facade and an "Interior" on exhibition at the Salmagundi Club, New York.

'82. Chas. E. Machold has a position with the D., L. & W. R. R. at East Buffalo, N. Y.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Speaker Carlisle has honored Gen. Thomas M. Browne (University of Indiana) with a place on the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives.

The Rev. Clarence E. Brandt (Phi, '81) is a student at the Western Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Chicago.

W. S. Payne (Theta) is preaching for the Christian Church in Savannah, Ga. Address, 184 Bolton Street.

Hon. A. M. Post (Beta, '69) is Presiding Judge of the Fourth Judicial District of Nebraska. He resides at Columbus, Neb.

William Griffith (Pi, '76) is a civil and mining engineer at Pittston, Pa. He is loyal to "our good old Delta Tau."

S. G. Smith (Beta Theta, '83) is a foreign stamp importer at Heckatoo, Ark.

Timothy Stanton (Beta Kappa, '83) is with the State Superintendent of Schools, Denver, Col.

O. R. Snyder (F. & M., '83), has been admitted to the bar at Westmoreland Co., Pa.

Rev. G. W. Martin (Beta, '75), is a Presbyterian Missionary at Mantli, Utah.

J. D. Hedland (Mt. Union, '84), is located in Charleston, S. C.

J. W. McLean (Theta, '83), is head master of the Porter Institute, Charleston, S. C.

Maurice O'Connor (Beta Zeta, '82), is shipping clerk for J. S. Kirk & Co., Chicago.

L. W. Hoyt (Iota, '82), was recently elected president of the Schubert Club of Grand Rapids, Mich., a chorus of sixteen male voices. The club is well known in this State, and the honor to Bro. Hoyt was deserved by him. He was treasurer of the Club for two years.

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## THE FIRST DIVISION CONFERENCE.

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THE annual conference of the chapters constituting the First Grand Division of the Fraternity, being the fourth of the series, met, in accordance with previous announcement, in the City of New York, on Monday, February 22, under the general auspices of the Sigma Chapter. The business sessions occupied both morning and afternoon, and were held in the hall of the Apprentices' Library, 18 East Sixteenth street, which, by special courtesy of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York, had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Conference. It proved to be capitally adapted for the purpose, with its several committee rooms. As early as ten o'clock the delegates, visitors and resident members assembled in goodly numbers, exchanged the greetings of old friendships and new acquaintanceships, born of a mutual interest in the work of Delta Tau Delta.

The Conference was opened at eleven o'clock by the Rev. Lathan A. Crandall, K, '73, pastor of the East Twenty-Third Street Baptist Church, New York, who invoked Divine blessing upon the Fraternity and the object which called the Conference together. It was an impressive prayer, peculiarly appropriate to such an occasion.

The President of the Conference, Will Carleton, Kappa, '69, of Brooklyn, N. Y., delivered the inaugural address, in which he took occasion to review the arguments which have been arrayed against the fraternity system, offsetting these by means of the acknowledged meritorious features of the better class of

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these Greek letter societies,—a comparison which it is needless, perhaps, to say, could not and did not fail to result to the entire satisfaction of the assemblage. That Delta Tau Delta received due praise, as one of the fraternities which had lived up to the high standard which had been chosen for it, need surprise no one who knows Bro. Carleton, as an earnest advocate of our Fraternity. Prof. John L. N. Hunt, Θ, '62, of New York, well known as one of the founders of the Fraternity, then, in behalf of the resident members, delivered the address of welcome to the delegates and visitors in a particularly happy strain. To this responses were made by A. H. Roudebush, A, '70; C. C. B. Reid, Γ, '83; Orrin Serfass, N, '82; E. P. Mowton, P, '86, and P. H. Hébert, T, '89, representing their several chapters.

After a brief recess the Conference, shortly after the noon hour, promptly organized for business. The report of the Secretary showed that all of the chapters had sent duly accredited representatives; the President then announced the list of the standing committees; the reports of several of the chapters were heard, after which, at 12.30 o'clock p. m., the Conference adjourned until the afternoon session.

At two o'clock the Conference reassembled, heard the remaining chapter reports, all of which showed them to be in a prosperous condition, with, perhaps, one exception. The reports of several of the committees were then heard and action taken thereon. As a consequence the date of the next Conference was fixed on Tuesday, February 22, 1887. It will be held, as usual, in the City of New York, this time under the auspices of the Rho Chapter. Upon that occasion the following officers will be asked to act: Rev. L. A. Crandall, K, '73, President; A. P. Trautwein, P, '76, and Orrin Serfass, N, '82, Vice-Presidents; B. E. Gregory, T, '88, Secretary. William Kent, P, '76, was subsequently elected Orator, and Herbert W. Collingwood, I, '83, Poet of the occasion.

The Conference then listened to a paper read by the Secretary in the absence of the author, on "THE CRESCENT as a Factor in the Development of the Fraternity," by E. P. Cullum, A, '82, Secretary of the First Grand Division. It was well

received and deserves a wider publication. A paper by A. P. Trautwein, P, '76, on "Delta Tau Delta Among the Fraternities," defined the relative positions of our Fraternity and its rivals from various points of view. W. W. Cook, A, '80, then made a statement regarding the proposed Chapter Fund, and the general financial policy of the Fraternity, defined its legal privileges and responsibilities, and thus gave in outline the ideas embodied in a paper upon the subject which he had been invited to prepare. A statement was received from J. B. Ware, I, '82, General Treasurer of the Fraternity, urging the chapters to take such action as may be within their power, and make the Chapter Fund a permanent feature in our financial system. The Conference then took a brief recess, during which L. W. Serrell, P, '87, succeeded in taking an excellent group photograph of the Conference. Upon reassembling, a number of resolutions were discussed regarding matters of general fraternity policy, proposed convention legislation, schemes for extension, all of such a nature that they connect with due regard to the best interests of the Fraternity, be made public in these columns. Provision was made for publishing the proceedings of this and last year's Conference, under the direction of the Secretary.

It was six o'clock before the Conference was able to close its business session and adjournment was decided upon. Bro. Carleton, with utmost unselfishness, gave the Conference his undivided time and attention, and it was mainly due to his promptness and interest that so much good and substantial work was accomplished. Bro. Wilbur F. Smith, T, '87, was all that could be desired in the position of Secretary. The discussions were freely entered into by the older alumni present, and their counsel and experience was of evident value.

At eight o'clock in the evening the delegates, with visitors to the number of about forty, assembled at the Casino to listen to Strauss' comic opera, "The Gypsy Baron." Thanks to the foresight of the Committee of Arrangements, seats in the parquet had been secured, in sufficient number, several weeks in advance, a necessary and wise precaution. At eleven o'clock the party repaired to Morelli's, 8 West Twenty-eighth street, to partake of

the annual conference banquet. An elaborate menu was presented, to which full justice was done. Speeches were made after dinner in response to toasts given out by A. Arnoux,  $\Sigma$ , '86, who acted as toastmaster, as follows: "Our Fraternity," A. P. Trautwein,  $P$ , '76; "The Alumni of Delta Tau," W. W. Cook,  $\Delta$ , '80; "The Press," H. W. Collingwood,  $I$ , '83, who responded by reciting his poem, "The Editor's Girl," in a happy and pleasing strain; "Undergraduate Days," Orrin Serfass,  $N$ , '82; "The First Division Conference," Wilbur F. Smith,  $T$ , '87; "The Ladies" were toasted by H. R. Asserson,  $T$ , '87, and Paul H. Hébert,  $T$ , '89, closed the speech-making in a charmingly happy vein. The toasts were interspersed with college and fraternity songs.

In the judgment of all who participated in the several exercises of this conference, it fully equalled any of its predecessors, both in the business which was transacted and in its social features, which always receive much attention in the annual conferences of the First Division. The Register contains the names of fifty-five members who participated, but there were others present at various times whose names have not been recorded. Upsilon sent a delegation of eleven, which included almost its entire undergraduate membership. There was a noticeable uniformity in the appearances and make up of the several undergraduate delegations, a pleasing fact commented upon by many of the alumni present. The Conference was fully noticed in the city papers, both before and after the meeting.

## THE EDITOR'S GIRL.\*

*Herbert W. Collingwood, Iota, '83.*

You know the old fellow who long ago said,  
 After painfully thinking and rubbing his head,  
 That with one simple lever he'd make the world jump  
 From its place—into space—with a terrible thump.  
 If he had but a log and a good place to stand,  
 He could move the great world by one touch of his hand.  
 The old fellow's lever was easily found,  
 But the log and the place to stand never came round ;  
 And the people laughed loud at the dreaming old man.  
 They called him a lunatic—sneered at his plan.  
 Yet we—foolish quill-drivers—know he was right ;  
 The world *can* be swayed from the dark to the light.  
 The Press is *our* lever, far down in the heart  
 Of the people it reaches and holds for its part.  
 The Press is the lever, yet where does it rest ?  
 The noble old Roman or Greek at his best  
 Was forced to give up on his log long ago ;  
 Yet we have discovered it—listen ! I'll show  
 The lever swings on as the busy years whirl,  
 And it rests in the hands—of the Editor's Girl !

The Editor's Girl ! What, that small party there  
 With a square inch of forehead down under her hair ?  
 With a fist like a snowball—a mouth like a rose,  
 With a smile that would thaw out your heart though it froze ?  
 Admit it—be honest, my brothers, to-day—  
 We *are* brothers—I'll not give your secret away.  
 Own it up, has the little girl not made your life  
 Far better and purer and held you from strife ?  
 Don't you know how you stood—may be years ago,  
 How you wanted to stay and yet wanted to go ?  
 While the little girl looked up at you with a smile  
 And a queer sort of look in her eyes all the while ;  
 Till you found that you *couldn't* stay longer aloof,  
 And you reached for her mouth—and, in fact, you "took proof ?"  
 Now honestly—didn't you after that night,  
 Think of her every time when you sat down to write  
 Your wild editorials ?—how they did shine  
 Touched up by friend Cupid, that fellow divine.

\*Spoken in reply to the toast, "The Press," at the Conference Banquet of the First Grand Division of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, New York City, February 23, 1896.

She would smile up at you from the bottle of ink,  
 While you sat there patiently trying to think.  
 You knew that your paper would always be read  
 By at least one subscriber whose dear little head  
 Would treasure the good and forget all the ill,  
 And think you a wonderful personage still.  
 And under your coat there, you carried a charm.  
 That would make Trouble shake in its boots in alarm.  
 I know what it was—it was only a curl  
 From the head of the Editor's dear little Girl.

You smile at me now, and you say that these joys  
 Are all very well for a great crowd of boys ;  
 But that when a man's beard and his head have turned gray,  
 The romance and poetry all fly away.  
 Now, if it be true, that the heart will grow cold,  
 Let us solemnly swear that we'll never grow old.  
 Say, tell me, you bald-headed men over there—  
 You studious fellows with more brain than hair—  
 You men who stand looking down through the dim years,  
 All filled up with pleasures and trials and tears—  
 Does the little girl really grow *old* with each year ?  
 Is she ever less fair, is she ever less dear  
 Than she was when she looked in your face long ago  
 With the look in her eyes that sent fire through you so ?  
 When she spoke the three words that have made up your life,  
 That have kept you from sorrow and held you through strife ?  
 Would you not give as much—come, be honest to-night—  
 For one curl from her head though it be streaked with white ?  
 Do her cheeks really fade as the busy years whirl ?  
 Is she *ever* aught else but the Editor's Girl ?

Think over your life ; all the joys you have had ;  
 All the beautiful memories tender and sad,  
 That come as the starlight breaks through the dark pine,  
 That twine round your heart as the soft tendrils twine.  
 Ah—the lip may well tremble—the eye may well fill  
 With tears—not unmanly is that tender thrill.  
 As you think of the anguish that wrung through her life  
 When the little child dropped from the world's busy strife.  
 Ah, the brave little woman—her lips wore a smile  
 Though you knew that her poor heart was breaking the while.  
 Ah, how small will *our* portion of fame be, my friends,  
 When the mighty bookkeeper shall foot up both ends  
 Of the ledger ; our portion will be indeed small ;  
 Yet she—little woman—would give us her all.

Do your troubles not bring you still closer together,  
 No matter how gloomy, how stormy life's weather ?  
 Does she not still to you her best influence give ?  
 Do you not know her better each day that you live ?  
 Does she lead you in truth such a wonderful dance ?  
 And *is* it all poetry, bosh and romance ?  
 You've been over the road—you know what you're about ;  
 We simple, young fellows would gladly find out.  
 For we have a notion—no doubt it's all wrong ;  
 No doubt down in practice it's not worth a song—  
 That a man may mount high to the temple of Fame—  
 The honor, the love of the world he may claim.  
 Yet back of it all, unobserved and unknown,  
 A woman is silently building his throne.  
 She is patiently, lovingly working the while  
 With a woman's unreasoning love and a smile,  
 And as long as the years dance their magical whirl,  
 We will praise her for ever—The Editor's Girl.

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### THE MIAMI TRIAD IN EXTENSION.

*J. E. Brown, in  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  Scroll.*

THE revival of Miami University, after its inactivity of over half a score of years, has turned to this historic ground the attention of the several fraternities who were connected with its history—memorable no less in fraternity than in college annals. The journals of the different fraternities who have thus been connected with her career have contained articles valuable from a historical as well as a literary point of view. They have told of the rise and fall of one of the most renowned institutions of learning west of the Alleghenies ; how her fame spread, bringing students from many States ; of the work they did ; of the statesmen, scholars, and professional men she has sent out ; how she became the pioneer of the fraternity system in the West ; how three of these societies were founded there, and the story of their fortunes, until the closing of her doors in 1873.

In speaking of Miami, the fraternity man almost invariably refers to it as the birthplace of the three powerful fraternities,  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Sigma X$ , giving them in the order of their birth.



When we reflect that among the fraternities of Western origin there are but three others, namely,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$  and  $\Delta T \Delta$ ,\* which have developed a strength by any means proportional to these; a comparison of statistics between them, and their standing, as a group, in the fraternity world, is strongly suggested. What makes the idea still more striking is the fact that the three not of Miami origin are themselves closely related in their beginnings.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  was founded at Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, in 1848.  $\Phi K \Psi$  at the same place, in 1852.  $\Delta T \Delta$ , the youngest of the Western fraternities, originated at Bethany College, West Virginia, in 1850. The civil war was disastrous to Bethany; the college closed its doors, and the reins of authority which had been with the parent chapter of the new fraternity were turned over to the chapter at Jefferson, where they remained until 1869. Thus this chapter in reality exercised the influence of the parent during the formative period of that fraternity. So this group of six, making up what are called the "Western Fraternities," is divided into threes, one trio of which were nursed in the western borders of the Keystone State, while the other, which we shall here designate as the Miami Triad, came to light at the honored university of that name, in the southwestern borders of the Buckeye State.

Fraternities have been classed as Eastern, Western and Southern, not only because they originated in a particular section, but because their main development has been in that section in which they originated. Those of eastern origin are strongest in the East, the western in the West, and the southern in the South.  $\Delta K E$  at one time came nearer being an exception than has any other fraternity. Originating at Yale, in 1844, ten years later she had eighteen chapters, of which only eight were Eastern, the rest having been established in the more promising schools of the South and West. All these Southern banches were killed by the war, of which only two were revived at its close—those at the Universities of Virginia and Mississippi; but the lately expressed

\* Whatever of merit may attach to the individual chapters of  $\Phi K \Sigma$ , she has not exhibited that enterprise as a general fraternity which characterized the others. Hence her omission from this list.

plan of again entering the South has been vouched for by the appearance of chapters at Central and Alabama. As the fraternities stand to-day, the preponderance of strength in each is in and about the section of their origin. The ultra-conservative policy of a few has limited them entirely to a single section, but with these exceptions, the rest have a few chapters in colleges which are at quite a distance from their main body.  $\Delta K E$ , the most democratic of Eastern fraternities, alone has a number of chapters equal to that of any of the Western, her roll excelling that of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  by two, and of  $\Delta T \Delta$  by three. With this exception, the Western have for a long time surpassed all others in that respect. \* \* \* \* \*

As regards extension among fraternities, there none which can lay claim to as wide or as symmetrical a development as that of those of the Miami Triad. Founded as they were in the West, when it was enjoying a vigorous growth, they developed with it, occupied its territory, and together with the Jefferson Triad, went beyond it in the direction most natural—South, where were unoccupied the flourishing State universities and a few other schools which had attained prominence. At that time the now typical Southern fraternities had not made their appearance, but the ground became none the less well occupied, for both Eastern and Western began to push themselves into these schools of the South, making, as Mr. Baird has said in his “American College Fraternities,” often the first meeting place of the Eastern and the Western fraternities in some college of the South. On the rolls of the Western fraternities at the beginning of the war, we find a goodly number of chapters had been established in the South, and, as has been mentioned in the case of  $\Delta K E$ , a preponderance of chapters was in that section. That conflict made a change, and at its close fraternities had again to go forth from their original starting points. We are inclined to believe that it was the war that brought much of that element, conservatism, into the fraternity world. During its progress extension was necessarily stopped, and at its close they were loath to push it. No college has been added to the roll of  $\Sigma \Phi$  since '58, and but one to that of  $K A$ . Up to '59  $A \Delta \Phi$  had steadily extended her

borders, without indiscretion, too, and since then she has entered but two colleges. A cursory glance at the roll of  $\Psi T$  may give the impression that her course was not altered; but it is interesting to know that of the six chapters admitted to worship at her shrine since '60, all were organized before becoming chapters of  $\Psi T$ . Three had been established as local societies, while the three others, in which taste was displayed at the expense of courtesy, were lifted from other fraternities, namely, the Michigan chapter from  $B \Theta \Pi$ ; Chicago from  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Phi K \Psi$ , and the Cornell from  $\Phi K \Psi$ .  $\Delta K E$ , which at one time bid most fair to become the national fraternity, for some restraining cause has for many years refused to avail herself of the vantage ground she once held in the South. Now, realizing that the colleges on that side of Mason and Dixon's line are as worthy as any, and influenced, no doubt, by the able article of Senator Butler in a preceding volume of the *Quarterly*, she is endeavoring to regain the prestige she once so honorably held there.

We find the Western fraternities leading in extension, as to number of chapters, as follows:  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 58;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 47;  $\Sigma X$ , 35.  $\Phi K \Psi$  follows with 35,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 29, and  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 28. As to number of States entered,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  leads with 24, the others following:  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 21;  $\Sigma X$ , 16;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 16;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 12, and  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 12. Thus we see that not only does the Miami Triad lead all others in number of chapters, but in number of States entered, showing that their roll is not the result of unscrupulous crowding into any and all colleges of a particular section, but by outreaching into different States.

It is well to notice also that the only Western fraternities represented in New England are those of the Miami Triad. Not only are they represented there, but these chapters are among the most active and prosperous of these fraternities.  $B \Theta \Pi$  entered Boston University in '76, which was followed by the revival of her long dead chapters at Harvard and Brown, and establishment at Maine State and Amherst. In '79  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  entered the University of Vermont, the success of which chapter demonstrated that the East was available territory. Since then she has established herself at Colby, Dartmouth and Williams.  $\Sigma X$  has been repre-

sented at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology since 1882. Neither  $\Phi K \Psi$  nor  $\Delta T \Delta$  were ever established east of New York.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  has twice entered New England, but has not succeeded in retaining her ground. The chapter at Sheffield Scientific School (Yale) did not prosper, and died. A chapter established at Williams, in '80, had scarcely been chartered when, owing to some dissatisfaction, it deserted to  $Z \Psi$ . The success of these New England chapters of the Miami fraternities has proven that they are able to cope favorably with longer established rivals, brought the Eastern and Western fraternities into closer contact, and created a more friendly relation between them than existed before. We hardly think the present able editors of the *Diamond* of  $\Psi \Gamma$  would call upon her friends "to create a healthy public sentiment" against societies which are "necessarily destined to a short-lived, or at least precarious, existence," but would be more likely to "welcome the new chapters in direct proportion to the strength they manifest."

Another respect in which we find the Miami fraternities excelling, is in the number of chapters located at State universities. Mr. W. R. Baird, who until recently has been largely identified with the progressive moves of  $B \Theta \Pi$ , urges upon that fraternity the advisability of establishing herself in the State universities west of the Mississippi, in which she is not now represented. These institutions, from the very system of education throughout the West and South, are placed at the head of the college system. With scarcely an exception, in every Western and Southern State you will find the State university to be in the forefront, and in many cases, owing to liberal recognition, far in advance of competitors. They are bound to remain at the front as long as the demand for education exists. The wisdom and advantage of placing chapters in these institutions cannot be questioned, and it is pleasing to see how thoroughly this has been appreciated in certain quarters. In State universities  $B \Theta \Pi$  has 12 chapters,  $\Sigma X$ , 10;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 10;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 8, and  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 6.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  leads with eighteen on her list, and the circle made by her chapters in universities of Vermont, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas,

Missouri, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, is one of which every Phi Delta Theta can well be proud, and one that gives a broad and firm support on which can be built the NATIONAL fraternity.

There are forty-six colleges in which one or more of the Miami Triad meets  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ , or  $\Delta T \Delta$ , and in twenty-six they precede them. Of these twenty-six  $B \Theta \Pi$  comes first at fifteen;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  precedes at eight;  $\Sigma X$  at three. In the remaining twenty  $\Phi K \Psi$  precedes at eleven;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  at six; and  $\Delta T \Delta$  at three. While speaking of the colleges in which the Western fraternities meet each other, it is natural to wonder in how many they come in contact with the Eastern. Such a comparison would be too lengthy here, but we can say that most all meet at some college on their list. Northern Kappa Alpha is the only exception.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Delta T \Delta$ , and  $\Sigma X$  are not brought into contact with her at any college whatever. We would think that two fraternities, both claiming to be Eastern, would meet at one school, at least, but at the present time  $X \Phi$  is not known in the college where  $\Sigma \Phi$  is represented.

Some have tried to use the fact of the wide extension of the Western fraternities as an argument against them, asserting the long roll to rise from a "multiplicity of chapters in obscure institutions." We have clearly shown this not to be the case, the acquaintance of new chapters being the result of the acquisition of new territory. Were it the case we would find that the average number of rival chapters would be proportionately less. But this is not so; the number in all the Western fraternities is nearly the same, being about four and a half to each chapter. The question is not one as to how large a list can be built up, but how can the idea of a fraternity that shall bind together the sympathies of students, East, West, South and North, be realized. In so far as a fraternity approaches a national type, so all the more shall its strength be manifest, and its field of usefulness enlarged beyond that to which any provincial brotherhood can lay claim. It is with this aim in view that the leading colleges of different sections have been entered; not those whose future alone augured well, but whose present standing and work com-

mended itself. The present justifies this policy, and the future will make its wisdom more manifest. A half or even a quarter of a century ago the liveliest imagination would not have foretold such a growth in fraternity intelligence and recognition as exists to-day. Is the future to be less than the past? We do not believe that the system will retrograde; we believe that the code of fraternity ethics will mould itself perfectly to its environs; that fraternities will be as lasting as the colleges that shelter them. Then we have to build not only for ourselves, but for those who come after us. The future has its demands, as well as the present. The Western fraternities have more nearly met these demands than have their ultra-conservative rivals.

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## The Greek World.

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$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  has entered Knox and Lehigh.

THE next convention of  $\Phi K \Psi$  meets in Indianapolis April 7 to 10, 1886.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has entered Williams, and revived at Cornell and the University of California.

THE Forty-fifth Annual Convention of  $X \Psi$  meets in New York city, April 7 and 8, 1886.

$\Sigma N$  has entered the University of Missouri. Members of  $\Sigma N$ ,  $\Sigma X$  and  $\Sigma A E$  call themselves "Sigs."

$K A \Theta$  will soon publish her first catalogue, under the supervision of the Alpha Chapter of DePauw University.

THE report that  $\Delta T \Delta$  intends granting a charter to petitioners at Franklin College is without foundation, for  $\Delta T \Delta$  has no such intention.

THE following fraternities, named in the order of their establishment, are represented at the University of Kansas:  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $\Sigma X$ , and  $\Sigma N$ .

THE only man that  $\Phi K \Sigma$  had in the college department at the Northwestern was married during the holidays, and left college, leaving three Preps to uphold  $\Phi K \Sigma$ 's banner in Evanston.

THE Grand Chapter of  $K A \Theta$  met in Wooster, Ohio, February 25 and 26, 1886. The charters were withdrawn from the chapters at the University of Michigan, the Ohio University, and Butler University.

THETA XI, with chapters at Sheffield Scientific School, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Stevens and Massachusetts Institutes of Technology, held its annual convention with the Yale Chapter on February 20.

THE members of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity resident in and about New York had a social reunion and dinner at Clark's. The gathering was under the auspices of the Stevens, Columbia and Rutgers Chapters. It was entirely an undergraduate affair.

CHIEF JUSTICE BARTLETT TRIPP, of the Supreme Court of Dakota, is a  $\Delta T$ ; Robert Garrett, of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, is a  $Z \Psi$ ; Professor Orra P. John, of De Pauw University, is an  $A X \Omega$ ; Colonel Henry Lowndes Muldrow, who was a member of Congress from Mississippi in the 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th Congress, and who is now the First Assistant Secretary of the Interior, is a  $\Delta T Z$ ; James Russell Lowell, Edward Everett Hale, Charles Francis Adams, Jr., and Donald Grant Mitchell ("Ik. Marvel") are members of  $A \Delta \Phi$ .

NEARLY two hundred members of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity were present at the annual reunion and banquet of the New York Alumni Association, at the Hotel Brunswick, on February 13. A committee was appointed to report on the feasibility of securing a club-house in New York city, as now maintained by  $\Delta \Psi$ ,  $\Delta \Phi$  and  $\Delta K E$ . Ex-President Arthur was elected President; and among the Vice-Presidents we find the names of Judge Van Vorst, Ex-President Chamberlain, of Bowdoin; Drs. R. S. MacArthur and C. H. Parkhurst. Among the speakers at the banquet were the following, with the toasts to which they replied: " $\Psi T$  Historical," Hon. W. E. Robinson; " $\Psi T$  Poetical," Edmund Clarence Stedman; " $\Psi T$  Clerical," Dr. MacArthur; " $\Psi T$  Universal," Waldo Hutchins; " $\Psi T$  Professional," Hon. Galusha A. Grow. Rev. James K. Lombard contributed an original poem, "Noctes Ambrosianæ."

## FRATERNITIES AT STEVENS.

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IN our last letter we promised to submit some historical and statistical information concerning the fraternity system at the Stevens Institute of Technology, believing that such a statement might be of some interest to the readers of *THE CRESCENT*. Most of our information has been obtained from the Chapter Archives, which we have every reason to believe are reliable.

The origin of the fraternity system here dates from the year 1874, for we find, at that time, no Greek letter fraternity, either formed or in the process of formation. We might except the Delta Sigma, which had a local existence, and in a very limited field merely served the purpose of a social club. It died, however, in the advent of the Theta Xi, February, 1874, which placed its Gamma Chapter at this institution. This fraternity, with chapters at Rensselaer and Yale, was announced to be an engineering society, confining its chapter roll strictly to scientific schools. It devoted itself, however, to the social element of its existence, and took an active part in the college politics. The opposition which this engendered, and the presence of James B. Pierce, Eta, '73, who enjoyed much personal popularity and influence, induced a number of members of '76 to combine for purposes of mutual protection, and to petition Delta Tau Delta for a chapter. Accordingly the Rho was placed at Stevens on May 9, 1874, and thus the political equilibrium was speedily restored. The entering class of 1874 being a very large and active one, taxed the fraternity facilities of the institute to their greatest extent. The want was soon supplied by the entrance, in February, '75, of the Alpha Sigma Chi with chapters at Rutgers and Cornell, which placed its Gamma Chapter at Stevens. The advent of the new-comer but slightly affected the relative standard of the two fraternities, each of which had its own peculiar standard of membership, so that there was little or no competition on that score. In the fall of 1879 the Alpha Sigma Chi united with the Beta Theta Pi, and its chapter here became the Sigma of the latter.

Owing to increased reputation the attendance at the Institute grew rapidly during the next few years, making it evident that there was abundant room for one and even two more fraternities. Hence, when



it was known that, on November 7, 1881, the New Jersey Alpha Kappa, of the Alpha Tau Omega, had been chartered, everyone was prepared to predict for it a prosperous existence. The chapter was, however, peculiarly unfortunate in the choice of its members, and never succeeded in gaining a foothold, having enrolled only eight men, two of whom were affiliated from elsewhere. In the spring of 1882 steps were taken to organize a chapter of the Chi Psi Fraternity, but the petitioners did not succeed in accomplishing their object until February 14, 1883, when the Alpha Chi, of the Chi Psi, was chartered. This chapter started out with good prospects, and gave promise of success. For some time efforts had been made in behalf of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and, on February 26, 1883, these resulted in the establishment of the Alpha Delta Chapter of that fraternity.

Up to this time, although the fraternities virtually controlled and directed public opinion in the college community, yet party lines were not drawn offensively in college politics. This was due largely to the fact that the college politics were entirely confined to the Athletic Association, there being no literary societies or similar organizations. The publication of the college annual, *The Eccentric*, first issued in 1874, was, it is true, virtually in the hands of the fraternities since 1879, the board of editors containing one member for each of the three fraternities, and one representing the neutrals. The advent of Chi Psi and Sigma Chi immediately raised the question of their right to representation on *The Eccentric* Board. This having long been organized, with its work well under way, Theta Xi and Delta Tau Delta promptly resolved to lay over their petition until the following year, when their claim as permanent institutions would be demonstrated. Beta Theta Pi wishing to appear as the champion of the oppressed, and guided by a desire to wield an influence beyond that which they had heretofore possessed, encouraged the new-comers to establish *The Bolt* as a rival to *The Eccentric*, meantime, however, continuing their membership in the latter annual; but public opinion, however, soon compelled them to display their true colors, and to withdraw from *The Eccentric*. In November, 1883, the fraternity system was enlarged by the addition of the Mu Chapter of the Chi Phi Fraternity, which was chartered under auspices of the most promising character on November 24, 1883. These promises have since been fully realized. Declining a place on *The Bolt* for 1884, they accepted a place on *The Eccentric* for 1885, and since have been identified with it. *The Bolt-Eccentric*

controversy served to draw strict party lines within the fraternity system, in this as well as other matters, but as there are very few matters pertaining to college politics, the tension is not as great as might be supposed; with the exception of, perhaps, one fraternity, the feeling does not extend into personal affairs.

The following table shows the membership of the different fraternities, with their distribution according to classes :

	Total Membership.	Initiates.	Affiliates.	Active Membership.	ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. The distribution by classes.				Graduates.	Non-Graduates.
					'86	'87	'88	'89		
Theta Xi.....	69	66	3	12	3	2	3	4	28	29
Delta Tau Delta.....	67	66	1	12	4	3	1	4	37	18
Beta Theta Pi.....	72	67	5	16	5	2	7	2	30	26
Alpha Tau Omega.....	6	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	4
Chi Psi.....	22	22	0	9	2	4	1	2	10	3
Sigma Chi.....	20	17	3	10	4	2	2	2	3	7
Chi Phi.....	16	16	0	11	0	5	2	4	2	3
Total .....	272	258	14	71	19	18	16	18	111	90

We do not include in the above analysis the Mu Chapter of the Theta Nu Epsilon or Sophomore Society. This has been in existence since 1884, but has neither weight nor influence in college affairs. It draws its membership almost entirely from Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi: Delta Tau Delta, Chi Psi and Chi Phi having, it is known, prohibited their members, by special legislation, from joining. As nearly as can be ascertained it is merely a social club of very doubtful utility, and its present *personnel* is such as to prevent it from ever wielding any influence. As a political factor its influence is nil.

On the whole, the fraternity system at Stevens is in a very healthy condition. There are no known cases on record of men being lifted from one fraternity into another, as at many other colleges, and this in spite of the fact that men have found themselves in associations entirely contrary to their tastes. The sentiment of the college will not tolerate such an act. There are only two instances of expulsion. One fraternity expelled two of its members, and another has lost two by resignation. There have been but few transgressions in the matter of honorary membership, Beta Theta Pi having taken in four, Delta Tau Delta and Chi Phi each one.

Theta Xi meets in the First National Bank building, where they have comfortable rooms ; Delta Tau Delta and Chi Phi have rooms in the Martha Institute building, while the Beta Theta Pi shares its hall in the same building with a local literary club. All of these, together with the Sigma Chi, have their meetings on Friday nights. The latter has no visible meeting place. The Chi Psi has its rooms over the Hoboken Riding Academy, and meets on Monday evenings.

The Faculty, though not giving the fraternities any official recognition, has always been favorably disposed towards them. Four of the members of the Faculty are fraternity men : Professor MacCord is a Phi Kappa Epsilon ; Professor Geyer, a Phi Gamma Delta ; Professor Denton, a Delta Tau Delta, and Professor Wood, a Beta Theta Pi, elected in an honorary capacity while professor at the University of Michigan.

Of the 628 students that have been enrolled at the Institute since 1871, twenty-three were members of fraternities not chaptered at the Institute, and 272 are members of the existing fraternities. Of the 209 graduates of the Institute, 111 are fraternity men. Of the 177 undergraduates here, 71 are members of the chaptered fraternities, and six are members of those fraternities not otherwise represented.

There are no college honors in the accepted meaning of the term, and we have not the figures at hand to show the distribution of the offices within the gift of the undergraduates.

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## SECOND DIVISION CONFERENCE.

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THE Fifth Annual Conference of the Second Division was held at Cleveland, March 25th and 26th, under the auspices of Chapter Zeta, of Adelbert College. Owing to the fact that most of the colleges in the division closed last week, the invitation to the conference found them in the midst of examinations, hence the representation was not as large as could be desired. The members of Chapter Chi participated in an oratorical contest the 26th, hence were precluded from attending or being represented. The following fraters were present in the capacity of delegates : From Chapter Mu, Bros. C. W. Evans and J. A. Arnold ; Chapter Psi, Bros. Allen Krichbaum and J. M. Shellenberger ; Chapter Eta, Bros C. N. Thomas, Will Ford and James Ford ;

Chapter Theta, Bro. H. L. Willett ; Chapter Zeta, Bros. S. S. Wilson and C. S. Clark. Also from Chapter Delta, as visitors, Bros. J. C. Shaw and F. D. McDonnell.

The conference was called to order by K. B. Waite, of Zeta, in the parlors of the Hollenden, at 10 A. M., Thursday. On account of no delegate being present from Chapter Beta Delta, Chapter Mu, through her delegate, Bro. J. A. Arnold, assumed the chair. Bro. Will Ford, of Eta, was elected Vice-President, and Bro. Allen Krichbaum of  $\Psi$  assumed the position of Secretary. After perfecting the organization and appointing the necessary committees the conference adjourned until two o'clock.

The afternoon session was opened by an address of welcome to the visiting brethren by Prof. M. J. Hole, an alumnus of the Zeta. The response was given in a neat speech by Bro. C. W. Evans of Mu. Reports of the various chapters of the division were then read. Without exception the reports indicated not only a good healthy condition and bright prospects for the coming year, but also an unbounded enthusiasm and energy. Following a short secret session was an able exposition of the nature of the secrecy of the fraternity by Bro. Allen Krichbaum of Psi. The conference then entered into a discussion of the new ritual, opened by Bro. J. A. Arnold of Mu, with a concisely written paper entitled Ritualistic Knowledge and Observances. The discussion was of some length, the subject being handled in a business like manner. The conference then adjourned until morning. It was decided that the evening session should be given up largely to sociability in order that the delegates might become better acquainted with the resident Deltas who were unable to attend the session during the day. After the routine business had been finished Bro. A. E. Hyre, Eta, read a paper upon THE CRESCENT. After an earnest discussion of the paper formality was dropped and the evening was delightfully spent in social festivities.

The second day's session was opened with the routine business, which was followed by a discussion of the re-districting of the fraternity made necessary by the union with the W. W. W. Fraternity. An able address was then delivered by Bro. H. S. Willett of Theta upon chapter libraries. Bro. C. P. Ruple of Upsilon being present gave some very interesting suggestions, also giving the experience of Upsilon in early days. The afternoon session was opened with a feast of song. Inter-chapter relations were discussed in a paper by Bro. C. N. Thomas

of Eta. The conference entered into an informal discussion of Treasurer Ware's proposed financial policy, and instructed Chapter Zeta to write Bro. Ware a letter of commendation and encouragement. The remainder of the session, which was to be the last, was taken up with miscellaneous matters pertaining to the welfare of the fraternity and especially the division. The place and time of holding the next meeting was left to be decided by the division in the future. Thus ended the business portion of one of the Second's most successful conferences, notwithstanding that it was arranged in a week and occurred at a very unfortunate time for many of the chapters.

The fourth annual banquet of Zeta was held Friday evening, at which the conference were guests. The guests assembled in the conference hall about nine o'clock and the evening was given up to jollity of the richest kind. About ten o'clock the guests, about twenty-five in number, filed into the most elegant of the Hollenden's private dining rooms. After the delicacies of the season had been put away, Bro. M. J. Hole in neat little speeches announced the following toasts, the responses to which were the cause of much laughter and applause: "Our Fraternity," Allen Krichbaum,  $\Psi$ ; "Delta Tau Delta in the South," H. L. Willett, Theta; "Second Division Conference," J. A. Arnold, Mu; "Our Alumni Chapters," James Ford, Eta; "THE CRESCENT," J. C. Shaw, Delta; "Bethany, Our Castle," J. C. Norris, Theta; "Zeta," A. A. Bemis, Zeta; "Deltaism in Cleveland," W. M. Day, Mu. After the regular toasts were given many of the fraters responded extempore. Soon after the hour of midnight an adjournment was taken to the parlors, where the social festivities were continued, including the Choctaw walk around, until an early hour.

## Editorial.

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### THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE DELTA TAU DELTA AND RAINBOW.

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WE take great pleasure in announcing that the consolidation of the Rainbow Fraternity, or the W. W. W. Society, as it is often called, with the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, negotiations for which have been pending for some time, has recently been effected on just and equitable terms. Our time and space will at present permit only a brief review of this movement, so momentous in the history of the fraternity and so prophetic of its future prosperity and development.

Previous to the convention of 1884, there had been informal expressions of a desire on the part of individual members of the two fraternities to bring about a union under some arrangement which would be equally favorable and satisfactory to both societies. Our own Fraternity had already decided upon a policy for extension in the South, whose educational institutions are rapidly recovering their former prosperity, and now offer a peculiarly favorable field for fraternity work. The subject was discussed at the Watkins' Glen Convention, and a committee of three was appointed to carry on negotiations looking toward a union of the two fraternities. This committee met a similar committee of the W. W. W. Fraternity at Nashville, Tennessee, on December 16, 1884. The result of the conference was the formulation of articles of agreement for the consolidation and union of the two fraternities. These were ratified by our executive council, and were subsequently approved by the chapters of the Rainbow Fraternity. Still later, upon the submission of the terms to the individual chapters of our fraternity, the opposition to that article which involved a change in the name of the fraternity was such as to result in the rejection of the articles of agreement. From the fact, however, that the only serious

objection to the articles of association was the proposed change in the fraternity's name, and that in all other respects the union was generally considered very desirable by both fraternities, the negotiations were continued by correspondence. The project accordingly came before the Detroit Convention, and Brother W. W. Cook,  $\Delta$ , '80, was appointed a committee to represent our fraternity in these further negotiations, with full power and authority to effect the consolidation. Under these powers the committee proceeded to act. Upon notice from the W. W. W. Fraternity that a new committee had been appointed to conduct further negotiations, a representative of our fraternity, H. W. Plummer,  $\Delta$ , '84, met that committee in Nashville, in September. The new articles were there drawn up, agreed to and signed. These articles are substantially as follows: The Rainbows agreed to accept the name, pin, constitution, laws and ritual of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , who in return agreed to designate the Southern Division the Rainbow Division of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , this division to include all our Southern chapters and the Rainbow chapters and to be presided over by a grand chapter, located at Vanderbilt University.  $\Delta T \Delta$  further agreed to grant the Rainbows an alumni representation of one in the Executive Council, and, upon the union of the fraternities, to change the name of the journal from the CRESCENT to the RAINBOW.

The following facts and information concerning the Rainbow Fraternity will be of interest at the present time: It was organized at the University of Mississippi in 1848, twelve years before our own. The leading idea of the fraternity was to establish itself only in the educational institutions of the South, and throughout a long and varied career of thirty-five years, it has adhered to the policy of remaining a strictly Southern order. Within the last few years, however, its policy has undergone a change; it has recognized the tendency of all progressive fraternities to become more national in their organization, and a desire for northern, eastern and western connections has made itself felt, and has induced it to enter into the negotiations looking toward a union with our fraternity. When the terms of agreement were signed, the Rainbow Fraternity had five active under-graduate chapters, located at the Universities of Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas, at Vanderbilt University and at Emory and Henry Colleges and had at a total initiated membership of about one thousand. Of these chapters the charter at the University of Tennessee was withdrawn with the consent of the  $\Delta T \Delta$  committee on account of the apparent non-pro-

gressive condition of the college. The members of the chapter at the University of Texas, manifesting dissatisfaction with the terms, the charter was allowed to lapse. However, steps are now being taken which will undoubtedly result in the reorganization of the chapter, if the best interests of the fraternity demand such action.

The University of Mississippi, at Oxford, was founded in 1848, as the State University, under the presidency of Prof. F. A. P. Barnard, now President of Columbia College. It enjoyed for many years a remarkable prosperity, ranking with the best universities of the North, until the civil war interrupted its work. After the war, it soon recovered its former prestige and prosperity, and again ranks among the first of the state universities. It has property valued at \$450,000 and a productive endowment fund of \$550,000; it receives annually, in addition, liberal appropriations from the State. During 1884-5, the under-graduates in the Academy, or Department of Literature, Science and Art, numbered two hundred and twenty-three; it has a faculty of eighteen professors and instructors. Oxford, the college town, has always been recognized as an intellectual center at the South, and the college community is one of the most desirable to be found. The Rainbow Chapter at this institution has an existence coeval with that of the university itself. It has always maintained its position as the most influential and prosperous chapter of the university, and the published statements of its rivals all testify to the high standing of this chapter, both in college and town. It is the parent chapter of the fraternity, and has an alumni roll which would be a credit and honor to any fraternity. It meets as competitors the fraternities of Delta Kappa Epsilon (1851); Delta Psi (1855); Sigma Chi (1857); Phi Kappa Psi (1857); Chi Psi (1858); Sigma Alpha Epsilon (1865); Phi Delta Theta (1877); Beta Theta Pi (1879) and Kappa Alpha (1883.)

Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tennessee, was opened in 1875, under the princely endowment of Cornelius Vanderbilt, of New York, who donated the sum of \$500,000 for its support, and subsequently increased it to \$1,000,000. The university has been made the recipient of other liberal endowments from members of the Vanderbilt family, —Wm. H. Vanderbilt contributing \$150,000 for the theological and \$100,000 for the engineering department. It is under the control of the M. E. Church, South, an influential denomination. The university has had a remarkably rapid and yet judicious growth; in many of its departments it is equal to the oldest institutions in the North. In



addition to the Academic Department, it has departments of Law, Theology, Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy. It is located in a campus of seventy-five acres, beautifully situated on an eminence overlooking the city. Its buildings, University Hall, Science Hall, Wesley Hall, the Observatory, the Gymnasium and the buildings of the Medical and Dental Colleges, as well as nine professors' residences, are elegant and substantial structures. In 1884-85 it employed in all departments a faculty of fifty-seven professors and instructors, and had enrolled over five hundred students. The Rainbow Chapter occupies a very high position in the city and university. It is noted for its social standing and scholarly attainments. Its competitors are Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha, Beta Theta Pi, and Chi Phi.

Emory and Henry College, at Emory, Virginia, was founded in 1838, under the auspices of the M. E. Church, South. It is an institution which has done good service in the cause of education. Though somewhat crippled by the war, it has again recovered its former standing. In 1884-85 it had eleven professors and an enrollment of one hundred and fifty students. The Rainbow Chapter meets Kappa Sigma (1879) and *K A*.

In addition to the active chapters, the Rainbow Fraternity has a vigorous alumni organization in the city of Nashville. It is intimately connected with the chapter at the university, and gives the fraternity in that city a standing and prestige which comes only from the influence and co-operation of a loyal alumni. The policy and executive administration of the fraternity are largely guided by this association.

To its new brothers from the South Delta Tau Delta extends a cordial, hearty welcome. We hope that the fraternities, thus united, will soon be one homogenous whole—one in reality as in name; that the members and chapters of the one will speedily and heartily identify themselves with the interest of the other for mutual gain and advantage to the many interests now made common to us all. We trust that this action will prove another strong link which will serve to bind together the educated and college bred men of the South and North.

In the next number of this journal we will publish a concise history of the Rainbow Fraternity, histories of the chapters that are now incorporated into Delta Tau Delta, and also of the institutions in which these chapters are located. Several contributions on the history of *Δ T Δ* will be published, which, with the regular departments, will make the number one of special note and interest.

## Chapter Letters.

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### Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

On the evening of March 6 the Greeks of the Ohio Wesleyan University assembled for the Third Annual Pan-Hellenic Banquet. After a most enjoyable feast, W. C. Davis,  $\Phi K \Psi$ , as toastmaster of the occasion, presented the following toasts, all of which were ably responded to in the order given: "The College," A. L. Shellenbarger,  $X \Phi$ ; "The Greek World," B. M. Allison,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ; "Sorores Fratrum," C. S. Manley,  $B \Theta \Pi$ ; "Six Goats: May they all Butt in Concert," J. A. Arnold,  $\Delta T \Delta$ ; "In Memoriam," A. E. Breece,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ; and "Fraternal Ties," H. V. Stevens,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Splendid music was furnished for the occasion by an octette chosen from the several fraternities. About eighty Greeks were present, and all readily acknowledge it to have been the most enjoyable banquet we have had. The strife and selfish antagonism which usually exists between fraternities at the beginning of the school year, had already given way to more friendly feelings; and so all gathered around the "festive board" as members of one fraternity. Bro. Cherryholmes, of Theta, now a student at the Ohio State University, was with us at the banquet, as were also a committee consisting of the alumni from the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, who have been in session here in Delaware forming a new constitution for  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

On the morning of March 8 the fraternities here were duly notified by the  $B \Theta \Pi$ 's, that B. S. Weeks, '87, had been expelled from the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. No reasons for this unexpected action were stated in the notice given. Internal dissensions of a personal nature, however, are believed to have been the cause. On the following evening Mr. Weeks was initiated into the  $X \Phi$  Fraternity. We are not prepared to say at present whether the expulsion was a just action or not, but we can say for Mr. Weeks that he is a man of rare ability as a

student, and we think the Chi Phis may be congratulated on their new man. Maj. H. A. Axline, '72, made Chapter Mu a pleasant call while in Delaware, February 12. The close of this winter term finds our chapter in a most prosperous condition. We initiated Bro. Philip Phillips, Jr., '89, at the beginning of the term, and now have sixteen active men. We were made unusually joyful at our last meeting by the reception of a large "box of good things," given us by our lady friends of Monnett Hall, and signed,—“from the loyal eight.” Such kindnesses are not soon forgotten.

#### Delta—Michigan University.

Things have been moving along rather quietly of late, yet there may be many who will be interested in some of the pleasant occasions which Delta has enjoyed since last writing. During February we had the pleasure of entertaining Bros. Ripley, '76, Carpenter, '75, Reed, '78, Pitts, '85, Callard, '84, and McDonald, '87, who is out of college for this year. They were here at different times, and most of them spent several days with us. It is indeed encouraging to have our alumni take the active interest they do in our welfare, and Delta is always glad to have her alumni make her a visit. On February 19 we entertained our lady friends during the afternoon, and it was a jolly dinner party that sat down about five o'clock. In the evening came off the Fraternity Junior Hop, given by the nine fraternities of the Literary Department. There were about one hundred couples present, among whom could be seen many visitors and members of the faculty; aside from these there were very few non-fraternity men present. Each frat. had its portion of the hall to decorate, and the result was a rich and handsome dance-hall. It was pronounced the greatest success of all the junior hops yet given.

On the evening of February 20 Bro. Will Carleton lectured at University Hall, and we had the pleasure of entertaining him at the chapter house, and also of hearing the best lecture of the season. His poem lecture was most novel and entertaining, and never lost its power to interest during the entire evening. Bro.

Guy L. Kiefer has been succeeded as Division Secretary by Bro. W. A. McDonald. This change is made at this time because Bro. Kiefer intends to graduate next year, instead of the year after with his class, and he felt that his work was too hard to permit of filling the office and of doing justice to its duties. *The Palladium* will be out in a short time, and we would be pleased to exchange for similar publications from other colleges. *The Oracle*, published by the Sophomore Class, has just made its appearance.

#### Iota—Michigan State.

Our college opens this spring with most flattering prospects. Students have so increased in number as to crowd both dormitories and oblige a few to seek accommodations elsewhere. Our Mechanical Hall is now completed, and a four-years mechanical course provided for. This department is attracting much attention and many students. The opening of the term (Feb. 24) found us with nine actives on hand, distributed among the four classes as follows: Seniors, one; Sophomores, three; Freshmen, five. Our only junior, who was also our S. A.,—J. N. Estabrook,—not returning. At the close of last term, in November, he left for Germany, intending to spend the winter in study at Leipsic, but to return and continue the course at the opening of the present term. He now thinks of remaining in Europe through the summer. Another brother who does not return is H. W. B. Taylor, '88. He spent a large portion of the winter in travel in the South.

#### Beta Theta—University of the South.

Beta Theta's long vacation has at length drawn to a close, and we are returning to our work again; and so we send greeting to our sister chapters, with best wishes for success during the year. So far as we know we will lose only two men this spring, and then we hope to increase our list by some valuable additions. We have some good material to work upon, and are keeping our eyes open for all chances. The other fraternities here are in good condition, with the exception of Kappa Sigma, which is weak numerically, though she has good men. Alpha Tau Omega

and Sigma Alpha Epsilon are our strongest rivals. Of the men we lose, Bro. S. G. Smith is in Heckatoo, Ark., and Bro. G. R. Scruggs is at work in Dallas, Texas. They are both live and energetic men, and we are very sorry to lose them. Our men are all very anxious to get settled down again, and we hope to put in some good fraternity work this year, and to give evidence of life in every way we can. We feel equally with Beta Epsilon the need of Southern extension, and would be glad to see Delta Tau Delta in every first-class institution in the whole country.

#### Epsilon—Albion.

Since our last letter Epsilon's boys have enjoyed the long hoped for privilege of meeting with Delta's truly popular poet, Bro. Will Carleton. Under the auspices of the Ladies' Library Association of the college the "Golden Horse" was given to the largest and most enthusiastic audience of the course. A delightful hour of social conversation was passed with Bro. Carleton at the hotel, which will long be held in the memory of each frater. Epsilon is enthusiastic for the scheme presented for a fraternity cottage for Delta resorters at Bay View. If a stock company is formed nearly all of its active members will take shares, as will also a large number of its alumni. Surely the plan is a good one. Nothing will do more to increase the general acquaintance and awaken individual interest for sister chapters, as the uniting together, for a few months in the summer, in a fraternity house at this beautiful and popular resort. I take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity our new babe, Bro. H. C. Scripps, '88, of Detroit, a two hundred pounder. He brings to Epsilon the qualities of a sterling frater.

#### Theta—Bethany.

Since our last report we have welcomed a good man from the barbarians, Bro. C. L. Scott, '88. Our chapter is in first-class shape, and our men are holding the front rank, as they always have. Three of our boys are tutors this year,—Bro. Schmiedel in mathematics, Bro. Muckley in Latin, and Bro. Willett in Greek. Bros. Schmiedel and Willett were the representatives

of their respective societies at the celebration of Washington's birthday. On the evening of January 30 we had a Pan-Hellenic banquet, in which all the Frats in the college participated, including, besides our own chapter, the  $\Psi$  of  $B \Theta II$  and a representation of  $\Sigma X$ . A most enjoyable occasion it was. Singing and various other attractions kept the company in high spirits till a late hour. Several members of the faculty also met with us. Bro. W. J. McClure has been quite ill for several days with ophthalmic neuralgia, but is much better at present, and will be well as usual soon, it is hoped. Bro. G. W. Muckley took a flying visit home a few days since, as did also Bro. J. A. Rice, of Sparta, O. Bro. Rice brought back with him his sister, whom we welcome to Bethany society. Bro. S. M. Cooper has accepted the pulpit of the Church of Christ in Syracuse, N. Y., and will take charge of the congregation as soon as the session closes. Bros. Muckley and Willett will also enter the ministry. Bro. J. R. Wilson will continue his medical studies at one of the Eastern schools. Bro. McClure and Bro. Schmiedel will teach. Bro. Rosser will enter business with his father at Atlanta, Ga. Theta will have an unusually strong force left to take charge next year, not only in numbers, but in other very essential qualities. Bro. F. M. Dowling has, we learn, been assisting his father, Rev. Wm. Dowling, in a very profitable meeting at Marion, O. Frank has now returned to his own charge at Mt. Healthy, O., where he is greatly admired and loved by his congregation. Bro. W. S. Payne has removed from Missouri to Georgia, where he is filling the pulpit of the Savannah church. Bro. E. M. Smith is preaching in Missouri. Bro. Stewart Taylor, of Kansas City, Mo., a former Bethany boy, was back among us for a few days recently. A note from Bro. H. C. Wells, of Platte City, Mo., tells us that the Delta boys out there, in what seems to us the "Far West," have not forgotten their friends in the Pan Handle, and especially Delta Tau. Bros. G. K. and G. W. Smith are also in Platte City. We hope any Delta in our vicinity will stop and call on us. We shall always welcome all who wear the Purple and Gray.

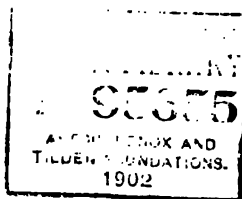
#### Upsilon—Rensselaer.

A month ago we changed the location of our Chapter Hall to the *Times* Building, where several of our men room, and now have a suite of rooms which is much more pleasant and convenient for us, as we have the whole floor to ourselves. Bro. Martin has supplied us with a piano, which adds greatly to the enjoyment of our hall. Fraternity matters have been quiet here, as there have

been no men taken in for some time. The present graduating class is the largest Senior class the Institute has ever had, and most of the fraternities will lose quite a number of men. The First Division Conference has come and gone, but will be remembered by most of the members of our chapter as a most pleasant event. The chapter was represented by eight active members, and Bro. Zieley, '86, came down and went with us. He was looking very well. The reports were all encouraging, and the First Division is progressing finely. We received the first number of *The Choctaw Pow Wow*, and were very much pleased with its appearance. We sincerely hope that Alpha will be successful with her publication, as it is a most worthy enterprise. The Institute Annual, *The Transit*, will be out in about a month, and we will be very happy to exchange with any of the chapters that publish an annual. It promises to be a very good issue this year. We had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Quintana, '84, for a few days during the past month. He is at present at Little Falls, N. Y. Bro. Ranney, '85, who has been in town for some time past, will return to his home in Mohawk, N. Y., in a few days.

#### Beta Delta—Georgia.

Since our last letter the rude hand of death has plucked from our ranks Bro. J. W. Norris, '89, Florence, S. C. Bro. Norris received a fall a short time ago, injuring his spine. After lingering a few days, surrounded by loving parents and kind friends, death came and delivered him from his sufferings. In his death Beta Delta loses one of her most promising members, and Delta Tau Delta one of her strongest supporters. We take pleasure in introducing to the Delta world Bro. William M. Glass, '88, Senoia, Ga. We have now eleven active, energetic members. Bro. Gross, '85, Warrenton, Ga., paid us a short visit a few days ago. We enjoyed his visit very much, and are always glad to have any of our alumni with us. Bro. E. T. Whately acquitted himself admirably in his anniversary speech of the Demosthenian Society, and was very highly complimented by all those present. Bro. E. P. Upshaw has been elected one of the Champion Debaters for the Phi Kappa Literary Society. The several fraternities at this university have decided to publish an annual, the name of which will be *Pandora*. It promises to be a success. There are two editors from each fraternity on the staff. Bros. Band and Upshaw, W. S., represent Delta Tau Delta.



# THE RAINBOW.

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## HISTORY OF THE RAINBOW FRATERNITY.

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ABOUT the year 1848 a rebellious class from the University of Lagrange, Lagrange, Tenn., entered the University of Mississippi. Among its members was Col. John B. Herring, and to him and six others are due the honor of being the founders of the Rainbow Fraternity. They adopted as the ensign of the Fraternity a badge modeled after the Roman sceptres. Their next step was the organization of a chapter at the college from which they had just departed. It was organized in 1858, and flourished as the best in the institution until its disbandment in 1861 (beginning of war). It is from this chapter that we have our oldest surviving record, bearing the date of March 11, 1858. The number of members at this chapter was fifteen.

Returning to the S. A. Chapter of Oxford, Mississippi. From 1849 to 1861 we have the record of only twenty-four members of that chapter, but there must have been more. When the civil war broke out the fraternity was completely broken up, and nearly all of the records destroyed. For four years after the war the fraternity did not have a meeting, for few of the little band of Rainbows came back from the fields of battle, and those who did were so scattered that it was difficult to reorganize. But brighter days were in store for it. In the year 1867 the fraternity was reorganized by David S. Switzer at Oxford. During this year there were nine men who struggled hard to put the Rainbow Frat on a fine footing, for, says W. H. Calhoun, "No club or fraternity suffered more by the war than the Rainbow, and these men being the right sort were successful. The next year six more members were initiated, and the prosperity of the



fraternity is supposed to date from that time. In 1871 a chapter was established at Furman College, Greenville, S. C. It continued for three years, and for some cause, at the end of that time, the parent chapter saw fit to withdraw its charter.

On May 15, 1872, a chapter was established at Erskine College, Due West, S. C. This chapter had a long and successful career, although, from its establishment, it was opposed by the Faculty of the institution. They had, altogether, fifty members. Their charter was withdrawn in 1880, but was reestablished again soon afterward. On November 21, 1873, a chapter was established at Stewart's College, Clarksville, Tenn. Its charter withdrawn the next year. In 1874 chapters were organized at Wofford College, South Carolina, and Neaphogen College, Grass Plains, Tenn., but the charters of both were withdrawn. In 1874 the badge of the frat was changed, and a general overhauling took place. The chapter at Oxford, from its beginning, has been the peer of any club in the University, and it boasts the membership of many of Mississippi's favorite sons. In 1877-78 this chapter had twenty-two men, who took nearly every honor in the school. In 1882 the I. P. Chapter at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., was organized, and has had a most successful career. In 1883-84 chapters were organized at University of Texas, Emory and Henry College, and the University of Tennessee. In 1883 the Vanderbilt Chapter became the executive chapter, and through it the union with Delta Tau Delta was effected.

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#### **"THE CRESCENT" AS A FACTOR IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FRATERNITY.**

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For seventeen years communication between the chapters of our Fraternity and the Greek world in general was carried on by correspondence. Each year demonstrated with increasing perspicuity the absolute need of other means of intercommunication and exchange of thought and idea. And it was this great want of some exponent, by which the chapters and their mem-

bers could be brought into closer relationship and feeling, which gave birth to *THE CRESCENT*. The convention of 1877, which met at Bethlehem, Pa., realizing this growing necessity, decided to have published a paper in the interests of the fraternity and its adherents, and chose Bro. W. C. Buchanan (Theta, '73) as its editor, and formulated a plan of publication. Pursuant to this action, the first number appeared September 15, 1877, under editor-in-chiefship of Bro. Buchanan, assisted by Bro. J. P. L. Weems. A studied examination and perusal of that initial issue cannot fail to convince one that it had been well founded, and that from the first its success was assured. From that day *THE CRESCENT* grew and prospered as a bay tree, and few if any fraternity publications can look back over a more evenly successful career, either from a literary or financial point of view.

The chapters of our fraternity, scattered throughout the States, were, prior to 1877, scarcely acquainted. Communication was unsystematic, irregular, infrequent, unsatisfactory. A consequent indifference pervaded the entire order. There was but little progression in the chapters; fraternity life was one of stagnation; there was no exchange of ideas, no expositions of new ones. Delegates, on their return from conventions, gave glowing accounts of the meetings, and for a time there was some stir in the chapter, but the old feeling of apathy soon returned. The birth of *THE CRESCENT* was like the breaking of a new light in the east. The grand principles and teachings of Delta Tau Delta were brought forth to the eyes of all; the chapters were at once drawn closer together, and a new spirit entered their meetings. Alumni read with renewed pleasure the news of almost forgotten classmates and their successes; the events transpiring in their old fraternity houses; the triumph of Delta Tau in the East, West and South.

The high position which Delta Tau has taken among her rivals, and the respect with which she is held by them, has been almost entirely promoted by the character of the journal, which is the real exponent of our order. Our policy has from time to time been stated in its columns, in such clear, unmistakable terms as to win the applause of every fair-minded observer; and a close

reader will testify to the fair, generous manner in which all matters of interest have been treated.

Since the publication of our organ, the progress and development of the order has been marvelous. In 1877 there were twenty-five chapters on our roll, and many of these in institutions of the lowest grade. During the succeeding eight years sixteen chapters, all in first-grade colleges, have been added, and nine charters taken from chapters in inferior colleges, leaving us at present thirty-two. The history of our fraternity will show that during no similar period was such a remarkable development made; and, too, it must be remembered that by this time the best colleges of the country had already been entered by many fraternities, and that each succeeding year made it a more difficult matter to secure a desirable set of men in desirable colleges. Such is our record during the existence of *THE CRESCENT*, which directly and indirectly was the agent in this work.

Only since our *CRESCENT* conception have our conventions been attended with any degree of success. Prior to the Put-in-Bay convention of 1877, the business transacted at these meetings was comparatively unimportant and devoid of any new or progressive features. The wonderful success of the ever-to-be-remembered Pittsburg and Cleveland conventions was, we do not hesitate to say, due to the stirring articles in *THE CRESCENT* under their able leadership, combined, of course, with the assistance of the committee in charge.

Our most recent mark of energy and advancement—the establishment of an executive council for the government of the order came indirectly from the discussions and needs of the order set forth in our journal from time to time, and the accounts of the government of other rival successful brotherhoods. The inauguration of division conferences, State meetings, the establishment of alumni chapters at New York, Cleveland, Chicago and Grand Rapids have all occurred with the era of *THE CRESCENT*, and in which she has figured as a valued and needed assistant.

In fact, she has gone hand in hand with every development in our order, and in some instances has been a ruling factor in

carrying on our schemes and plans for progress. Unconsciously she moulds and shapes our thought and leads us to a contemplation of all that is good and just in Delta Tau Delta. It is only when we stop to look back that we realize what an influence she has had upon our thoughts, the forming and guiding of what is greatest and best for the future of our one common cause—  
Deltaism. E. P. CULLUM.

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### OUR DELTA QUEEN.\*

*(Respectfully dedicated to the Alpha, by J. Harry Geissinger.)*

TUNE, AMERICA.

Raise we in chorus now  
Praise to thee, Delta Tau,  
Reigning supreme !  
Long last thy sovereign might,  
Thy crescent e'er be bright,  
Still pour thy stars by night,  
Love's radiant stream.

Tower thy noble form,  
Power be thine in storm,  
Queen we adore !  
Thy banner's purple-gray,  
Lead us from day to day,  
Safe on our peaceful way,  
Safe in each war.

Loudly our voices ring,  
Proudly thy subjects sing,  
Our Delta Queen !  
God keep when foemen frown,  
Jealous of thy renown,  
Spare to the end thy crown,  
God save thee, Queen !

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**THE CRESCENT AND STAR.**

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*(Δ T Δ Gathering Song.)*

To Learning and Labor, to Love and to Law,  
We bravely devote every breath that we draw—  
And we cling to our colors, in peace or in war,  
And march in the light of the Crescent and Star.

CHORUS.

We are comrades, forever,  
Whom naught can dissever,  
In councils of peace, or confusion of war ;  
As brother to brother.  
We stand by each other,  
And shout, all as one, for the Crescent and Star.

We are knights of the plow, and the pen, and the plume,  
We sow—and the wilderness breaks into bloom ;  
We sing—and our songs flutter forth and afar—  
As we fight for the right, 'neath the Crescent and Star.

CHORUS.

Ah, Delta Tau Delta ! Ah, comrades of mine !  
From the plains of the palm to the hills of the pine,  
Be loyal ! be firm ! and may naught ever jar  
The Brotherhood born of the Crescent and Star.

CHORUS.

But see ! on the field of our banner appears  
A Rainbow of Promise that spans all the years—  
That blazes and bends like a broad scimitar,  
In the bright streaming light of the Crescent and Star.

CHORUS.

Then health to the country that each of us loves,  
Its strength be the eagle's, its peace be the dove's—  
And sad be the hour that shall sever or mar  
This union of hearts 'neath the Crescent and Star.

CHORUS.

**JAMES NEWTON MATTHEWS.**

## COLLEGE TRADITIONS AND THE COLLEGE FRATERNITY.

*George William Curtis, in Harper's.*

ONE hundred and thirty-two years ago Columbia College, in New York, then called King's College, opened its doors for students. It was the year in which Dr. Franklin proposed his plan of colonial union in the Albany Congress, and in the same year the French built Fort Duquesne, and before the Freshmen at King's had ripened into Seniors, Braddock was defeated and Washington had made his famous march to the fort. The modest little town of New York in which the new college was planted contained about ten thousand inhabitants, and King's College was the sixth in order of foundation, following Harvard, William and Mary, Yale, Princeton, and the University of Pennsylvania. The young college was not a very prolific *alma mater* in the earlier years. During the twenty years from its organization until the Revolution it graduated but about one hundred students. But it was an illustrious progeny. Among those pupils were Alexander Hamilton and John Jay, and Robert Livingston and Gouverneur Morris, and Egbert Benson and Philip Van Cortlandt, and Henry Rutgers, and sons of all the conspicuous New York families.

Now *noblesse oblige*. Is it surprising that the descendant of a noble house is proud of his ancestry, that the youth of to-day who can trace his lineage straight back to historic heroes and patriots and poets and philosophers and statesmen feels himself to be not only the heir of their renown, but born to the duty of maintaining its lustre untarnished, if nothing more? So feels the worthy alumnus of a college. There is a blue blood of academic association as of family descent, and as the son of a long line of famous or noble sires feels the admonishing consciousness of a great responsibility for others as well as for himself, so the college graduate owns the duty of his great association, and would live worthily of the select society to which he belongs.

If the little New York of 1754 and the little King's College could look in upon the vast and stately and prosperous city that we know, would they be surprised to see, evening after evening in the winter, the successive triumphal feasts of the various colleges, Jura answering to the joyous Alps that call to her aloud? Not at all. Those reverend half-dozen first graduates of King's, recalling their college feeling, would gaze benignantly upon the scene, glowing with the eloquent speech, joining in the pealing chorus of the song, serenely conscious that nothing could be more natural and inevitable than the demonstrative and festive pride of college boys in their college.

Those elders, indeed, with all their sympathy, could not understand it completely. They would see through a glass somewhat darkly, but they would see. For those brave Freshmen of 1754 and graduates of 1758 had no college tradition. They founded the house, indeed, but the pictures that hang in fancy upon its later walls, the voices that fill with the airy music of imagination its later and statelier halls, the glorious romance of association,—all this was wanting to those young academic ancestors. For them there was no backward vista of tender radiance, no constellated memories beyond their own experience.

When the Society of the Cincinnati was formed, a club designed to cherish Revolutionary associations and traditions, the sensitive scent of patriotism was sure that it detected the fatal aroma of aristocracy, and raised an alarm. Hereditary honors, class privileges, endangered popular rights,—these were the chimeras dire that hovered over the Verplanck cottage upon the Hudson where the meeting for organization was held. But what a modest and harmless conspiracy it has proved to be! The society was always small. Its worst fulminations were appeals to patriotism. Its most flagrant offence has been an annual dinner. What a tempest in a teapot was this hostile excitement against that simple good-fellowship of Revolutionary officers! Meanwhile the vast and powerful organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, which followed the later war, and which is an immense political force whose countenance both great parties sedulously solicit, and to propitiate whose favor

national laws are passed and State laws modified, is to the Cincinnati as the King of Brobdingnag to the Prince of Lilliput, but it arouses no suspicion of peril to the commonwealth.

The college fraternity is a Cincinnati of educated men, and it is often regarded with the same kind of feeling which assailed the old association of Revolutionary comrades. Like that, it has a great tradition. Like that, it is full of proud and tender memories. Like that, it feels the tie of union to be an inspiration, a wise restraint, a consolation. Like that, it meets to refresh its recollections, and by that meeting to enrich and ennoble life. The singing roisterers in the smoky hall, whose bright banter and gay chaff are the charm of the college dinners, carry from the table the blessing that they do not always ask. They renew their consciousness of the higher ideals that brood over the mercenary strife, the contest of money-making, and mean motives and low ambitions. Yes, the tradition of college is good-fellowship, but good-fellowship in an intellectual air and amid scholarly associations. To cherish it is to remember not only that you are a member of that fraternity, that you wear its blue or red ribbon, its collar or cross, its star or garter, but that it lays an obligation upon you, an obligation of honor not to be shaken off.

The college clubs which have sprung up so suddenly and naturally in this city—which is metropolitan at least in the sense of collecting citizens from the whole country—and the pleasant dinners with which they celebrate themselves, continue the good work of the college, not by extending a knowledge of Greek and mathematics, in which every college man is *ex officio* already proficient, but by strengthening loyalty to manly aims and stimulating generous sympathies.

Even the sensitive patriots who call Heaven to witness that college education is no better than it should be, that college alumni are to be suspected like the Cincinnati, and that reform in the civil service is only a deep and dark conspiracy to fill all the offices with college men, and, more appalling still, to keep them there!—even these patriots, whom other patriots in the press encourage, and, as it were, “’St boy!” to the onset upon



that awful plot, may be comforted. Thank Heaven, our liberties are still safe despite those artful Cincinnati, and the civil service is still free from all but a very small proportion of college men. The official statistics assure the patriots who dread education that they may sleep on in complete confidence that the college will not be permitted totally to overthrow our happy Constitution. No, tyrants and colleges, avaunt! Americans never, never will be slaves!

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#### **VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY AND THE LAMBDA CHAPTER OF DELTA TAU DELTA.**

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VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, among the foremost institutions of learning in the country, crowns one of the many hills that girdle the fair and stately city of Nashville. Looking down from its turreted halls one gazes upon a scene where every prospect pleases: the far stretching hills where was fought one of the deadliest, bloodiest and most decisive battles of the war; the Cumberland, winding away like a thread of gleaming silver; Capitol Hill, bearing on its lofty crest the noble State House; the chaste and decorous National building and numerous pretty and striking private residences already pushing their way up to the gates of the University. These, with many other scenes of beauty, readily convince the spectator that the projectors of the University exercised most excellent judgment and the rarest discretion in the selection of a site for their college.

The University owes its origin to the munificence of Cornelius Vanderbilt, who, on the 27th day of March, 1873, made a donation of \$500,000, which amount was totally consumed in the purchase of grounds, the erecting of buildings, the procurement of cabinets, furniture and general equipments. Soon after Mr. Vanderbilt made a further donation of \$600,000, as a permanent endowment fund. To this amount different contributions, by Wm. H. Vanderbilt and others, have been made, until at present the University has an assured annual income of over \$50,000. The campus comprises seventy-four acres, well inclosed and handsomely improved. It has always been the policy of the authori-

ties to decorate and ornament the grounds in a manner befitting the natural beauty of the surroundings. To this end, over one hundred varieties of shade trees have been planted, which have already made the campus a resort of rare charm and beauty. The University buildings, situated on the campus, are the University Hall, a large and substantial four-story brick structure, devoted to general university purposes; Science Hall, Wesley Hall, the Theological Department, the Observatory, the Gymnasium, and residences, ten in number, of the Bishop, the Chancellor and several of the Faculty. The buildings of the Medical and Dental Departments are located in the city. Wesley and Science Halls, and the Gymnasium, all fine and attractive brick edifices, were added to the University by a special donation of \$150,000 made in 1879 by Wm. H. Vanderbilt, whose late bequest of \$200,000 will probably be used in the construction of a library building and the founding of a permanent library fund.

The departments of the University are six in number, as follows: the Academic, the Biblical, the Law, the Medical, the Dental, and the Department of Pharmacy. Each of these has its faculty of instruction, charged with its special management. From the beginning Vanderbilt has met with wonderful success. The attendance has steadily increased from year to year, until at present it reaches nearly six hundred. Much of the prosperity of the institution is undoubtedly due to the faculty, which comprises in all the departments over fifty professors, instructors and assistants. Many of them are men of the greatest ability and widest culture, and thoroughly alive to the interests of the University. A large number of the faculty have made independent researches in the fields of science and literature, which have brought name and fame to themselves and honor to their college. The prospects of the University are of the brightest. With a permanent endowment of a million, well equipped buildings, a large and enthusiastic faculty, a growing body of loyal and devoted alumni, and a constantly increasing undergraduate corps, Vanderbilt can with safety be placed in the front rank of the colleges, not alone of the South but of the entire Nation.

Lambda Chapter of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , lately the S. A. Chapter of Rainbow, was founded in 1882 by Walter Cain, a graduate of the Oxford, Miss., Chapter. The charter members were seven in number. Owing to the feeling of hostility to fraternities at that time existing in the faculty, the early existence of the chapter was necessarily *sub-rosa*. At length, in the fullness of time, it seemed well to them to openly wear their colors and precipitate the fight with the faculty. In the contest which ensued they were quickly joined by  $B \Theta \Pi$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , who had previously entered the University. The fraternity question was carried before the authorities, ably, candidly and honestly discussed, and the result was a triumphant victory for the fraternities. The obnoxious laws were repealed, the fraternities recognized, and generously welcomed to the best the institution afforded. The progress of the chapter has been uniformly successful and prosperous. It has flourished from its foundation, and has always been regarded as one of the very best in Vanderbilt. Of the University honors, many have been obtained by the chapter, and not a year of its existence has passed unmarked by victories of its members. The Lambda has been exceedingly conservative in the choice of members, soliciting only those of the highest social standing, moral worth and intellectual capacity. In consequence the chapter *personnel* has been strong and powerful, and has always commanded the respect of its rivals. In Lambda,  $\Delta T \Delta$  may heartily congratulate herself that she has acquired, as Grand Chapter of the Grand Division of the South, a body of men who will loyally and devotedly foster her interests and ably direct her growth in the "Sunny South-land."

RYMERTON.

## THE NEW YORK ALUMNI.

A QUARTERLY meeting and social reunion of the New York Alumni Association of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity was held on Saturday, March 27, at 6 o'clock P.M. at Morella's, Nos. 4 and 6 West Twenty-ninth street, New York. In the estimation of all who participated, it proved to be a most enjoyable occasion. Among those present were Rev. L. A. Crandall, *K*, '73, Pastor of the East Twenty-third Street Baptist Church, President of the Association; Will Carleton, *K*, '69, well known throughout the fraternity; Andrew Bryson, *K*, '67, Principal Assistant Engineer of the Kings County Elevated Railroad, Brooklyn; A. H. Roudebush, *A*, '70; A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; F. E. Idell, *P*, '77; A. G. Brinckerhoff, *P*, '77; L. H. Nash, *P*, '77; L. J. Brück, *P*, '78; W. W. Cook, *A*, '80; and John A. Bensell, *P*, '84, and W. L. Lyall, *P*, '84, by invitation.

At a brief business session preceding the dinner, the by-laws of the Association were amended so as to provide for non-resident members, to a number not exceeding twelve at any time; these to have all the rights and privileges of resident members, except to vote on candidates for membership, and shall be confined to those residing beyond a radius of ten miles from New York City; the purpose is to identify with the Association especially those members of the fraternity who belong to chapters now no longer in active existence, as well as those who are unable, owing to distance, to participate in the active affairs of their own chapter. This step was determined upon, after a number of such members of the fraternity had signified their desire to unite with the Association, and it is believed that the full complement in this class of membership will be secured before the close of the year.

The following officers were elected for the current year: President, Rev. L. A. Crandall, *K*, '73; Vice-President, Prof. John L. N. Hunt, *Θ*, '62; Secretary and Treasurer, A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; Executive Committee, W. W. Van Voorhis, *K*, '67; A. H. Roudebush, *A*, '70; and L. J. Brück, *P*, '78.

Committee on Membership: W. W. Cook, *A*, '80; Prof. J. E. Denton, *P*, '75; and Dr. R. S. Gage, *M*, '70.

At the dinner informal toasts were responded to as follows: "Delta Tau Delta in Literature," Will Carleton; "Delta Tau Delta in the Ministry," Rev. L. A. Crandall; "Our Alumni," W. W. Cook; "Our Fraternity," A. P. Trautwein; "Our Reunions," A. H. Roudebush; and "The Ladies," L. J. Brück. W. W. Cook, upon general request, gave a statement of the union with the Rainbow Fraternity, which was listened to by all present with great interest.

The Association met again, for a social reunion, on Saturday, April 17, at 6 o'clock, at the Metropolitan Hotel, New York City. In addition to a number of those who were in attendance at the meeting immediately preceding this, there were present upon this occasion the following: W. W. Van Voorhis, *K*<sup>1</sup>, '67; William Kent, *P*, '76; W. I. Cooper, *P*, '77; H. S. Pope, *P*, '81; and M. J. Martinez, *P*, '82.

The Association decided to extend its courtesies to any duly accredited member of the other Alumni Associations of the fraternity, who may have occasion to visit New York City at the time of any of its reunions. It is requested that inasmuch as these will occur frequently in the future, all such members of the fraternity will promptly communicate the fact of his presence in the city to the Secretary of the Association. This invitation is extended in general to all members of the former Rainbow Fraternity who may reside in or visit New York City.

It was further resolved to endeavor to maintain close association with the other alumni chapters of the fraternity, and to assist if possible in the organization of new chapters of this class. It was decided to have in future informal discussions upon matters of current interest in economic and political science, educational topics, and similar subjects which it is thought will prove attractive to all who may be present at the meetings.

The next meeting, the last of the present season, will be on Saturday, June 12, at a place to be announced in due time. This, it is believed, will exceed in point of attendance any that have been previously held. A number of applications for mem-

bership will then be acted upon, and there is every reason to believe that the active membership at the beginning of next season, in September, will be nearly thirty. It will thus be seen that the Association has started out under rather favorable auspices and bids fair to become a permanent feature in the organization of the fraternity.

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### THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI AND THE PI OF DELTA TAU DELTA.

THE University of Mississippi, situated at Oxford, in Lafayette County, was chartered in 1844 by the Legislature, under an able Board of Trustees. Shortly after the incorporation the Board proceeded to organize themselves into a regular body, and entered upon a discharge of their important duties. The corner stone of the Lyceum, the principal building of the University, was laid with Masonic ceremonies, and an address was delivered by Hon. John J. McCaughan. In July, 1848, the first faculty was elected. At the election there was a lively discussion as to whether clergymen ought to be allowed to submit themselves as candidates for the chairs of the different departments, and whether the "Evidences of Christianity" should be taught or excluded from the college curriculum. The excuse for the omission of said subject was that the tenets of some particular church would be inculcated into the minds of the young men.

George Frederick Holmes, LL.D., was elected first President of the institution; the duties as instructor in metaphysics, ethics and political economy also devolving upon him. He was an Englishman by birth, and late of William and Mary College, Va.

The University of Mississippi opened formally on the 6th of November, 1848. Hon. Jacob Thompson, then a Member of Congress for Mississippi, made a stirring and brilliant address, which was followed by an elaborate and chaste oration by President Holmes, to a highly intelligent and elegant assembly. At first both the faculty and students were subject to difficulties; the former on account of the latter's disorderly and turbulent con-

duct, for, though many of the young men were of the "first families" in the State, the student body was idle, uncultivated and ungovernable, their vivid and incorrect imagination having allured them with the traditional belief that college life was but a series of gay and frolicsome scenes, from which they could emerge as great "steerers of the State" after a few sessions.

In 1859 the title of "Chancellor" was substituted for that of President. Great, distinguished scholars have, during its existence, adorned the "cathedral" of the University, in their different departments; among others may be noted Drs. Millington, Bledsoe, Barnard, Waddle, Garland, Hillyard, Longstreet, Burney; Hons. Lamar, Campbell, and others. The property of the University is very considerable. Situated upon its grounds (campus) are fourteen large brick edifices and one frame building. Eight of these are used for professors' residences, and three dormitories for students; Lyceum, containing lecture-rooms, library, cabinet, laboratory and offices; Observatory, for astronomical and mechanical purposes, and containing costly apparatus for these. Of the University buildings we further have: the Chapel, spacious and fine, with two literary societies' halls,—Phi Sigma and Hermaen,—in the third story; the Magnetic Observatory; the University work-shop, etc. During the session of 1884-5, the University registered two hundred and thirty-seven students. The University magazine is published by the two literary societies. The faculty consists of eighteen professors, instructors and teachers.

The history of the Pi Chapter of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , until recently the S. A. Chapter of the Rainbow Fraternity, is essentially the history of that society. Previous to the war the chapter boasted of an unexampled prosperity, and, being for several years the only society in the college, selected only the best men. It is not wonderful, then, that the records of the University bear testimony to the fact that an unusually large share of the University honors were bestowed on the Rainbows. The civil war, which fell heavily upon the University, disrupted the fraternity, destroyed its records, and scattered its sons,—many of whom

joined the Confederate armies, some of them now sleeping quietly in unknown graves, where

"Glory guards with solemn round  
The bivouac of the dead."

For eight long years the chapter had no active existence, until the reorganization was effected in 1867 by David S. Switzer. During this year the chapter numbered nine men, who struggled faithfully and well to place it upon a permanent basis and secure for it prosperity and success. In the following year six strong men were initiated, and the organizers commenced to see the realization of their hopes and to reap the rewards of their labors. For several years nothing of peculiar interest occurred, the chapter continuing to move onward step by step with the rival societies, until, in 1877-8, a large number of the ablest men in University were initiated. As a result, nearly all the honors in that year were captured,—a victory unequaled in the history of the University. The yellow fever, in the summer of '78, carried off several of the active members, and left the chapter in a somewhat weakened condition. The lost ground was, however, recovered by the stern efforts of the remaining members, and the old reputation was retained, and new garlands added to those already won. The later years have peacefully passed away, marked by no startling events. The chapter has prospered. She has retained her prominent position in the affairs of the University; the undergraduate membership has averaged from fourteen to eighteen, and has from year to year crowned the fraternity with new evidences of strength and ability; the alumni have retained much of their interest, and many of them have already attained eminence in the public affairs of the State. As the Rainbows of Mississippi have ever jealously guarded the rich traditions of their glorious past, so with strong and willing hands will they grasp the imperial standard of "our good old Delta Tau," and carry it forward, with love and fidelity, to fresh fields of honor, renown and distinction.



## The Greek World.

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A CHI PHI, writing to *The Quarterly*, from Cornell, says that "Alpha Delta Phi, Zeta Psi and Psi Upsilon have chapter-houses of their own, and, with the Kappa Alpha, have the choice of men. They have a membership of about twenty each, excepting Zeta Psi, which averages fifteen. This fraternity is the most select and richest in the college, having a handsome house and no debt. The Kappa Alpha, however, are perhaps even in a better financial condition, having several members of the faculty. It will probably build a house this spring. The Theta Delta Chi have a very nice and energetic set of men. The Delta Kappa Epsilon for years stood far in advance, but, owing chiefly to the want of a chapter-house, have fallen and dwindled away to nine men. It is undoubtedly a fact that possessing a chapter-house enables a fraternity to have the choice of men. Phi Kappa Psi has but eight or nine men, and exists more in a name than anything of influence. Still worse is Beta Theta Pi,—few men and not very select. One of them has distinguished himself as an ardent and noisy member of the Salvation Army. The members of Delta Upsilon are mixed in appearance and disposition, but are in common among the 'digs.' As a result of their hard work they do much in the way of college honors. Chi Psi just started again last spring, and is not making much headway. The field seems to be too well occupied already for the new-comer. Unless it could start with a chapter-house and a good fund at its back, its chances for life are small."

THE new lodge of the Lambda Chapter of the Delta Psi Fraternity at Williams was opened on March 15, 1886, with appropriate ceremonies. The corner-stone was laid last May, and the building is now complete. It is of blue freestone, unique in its design, the architecture being a happy combination of the early English and Norman styles. The site is, perhaps, the finest in Williamstown. Representatives were present from all of the chapters of the fraternity at Yale, Trinity, Columbia, the Uni-

versities of Rochester, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington and Lee. Among many others there were present Bishop Doane, of Albany; Gen. Steward L. Woodford, of New York; Revs. J. D. Fulton and D. A. Schauffler, of New York; President Simmons, of the New York Stock Exchange; Cyrus W. Field, Jr. A special train brought 150 members from New York and vicinity. A banquet was served at midnight in the new banquet hall.

$\Sigma \Phi$  has withdrawn its charter from Union College on account of the decline of the college.—*A T \Omega Palm*. This is the parent chapter of  $\Sigma \Phi$ , and is the second oldest chapter in the Greek world, being founded in 1827, the oldest being the Union chapter of Northern *K A*, which was founded in 1825.

THE other fraternities represented by chapters at the institute are  $\Sigma X$  and  $\Theta \Xi$ .  $\Sigma X$  has been here four years and has fifteen men, five of who have come here from chapters at other colleges.  $\Theta \Xi$  was established a month before our chapter, and has eleven men. The best of feeling prevails among the fraternities here, as is shown by the fraternity hops,—a series of afternoon Gymnasium dances given by the three fraternities.—[Massachusetts Institute of Technology correspondent to the *A T \Omega Palm*.

THE anti-fraternity laws at the University of West Virginia have been repealed, and *K A* has reëstablished her chapter there. *\Delta T \Delta* had a chapter there in the early days of the war, which numbered among its membership John H. Miller, Vice-President and Manager of the Merchant's Telegraph Construction Company of New York City; the Hon. Joseph Moreland, a prominent lawyer in Morgantown and a Regent of the University; and the Hon. George C. Sturgiss, also a prominent lawyer in Morgantown, and and recently the Republican nominee for Governor of the State. *\Delta T \Delta* recently received a petition to reëstablish the chapter, but did not think it wise to do so.

THE Senate of the United Chapters of the Phi Beta Kappa met in Boston on March 6, at the rooms of the Fellows of Harvard College. Several applications for charters were received and appropriately referred. Arrangements were made for the trien-

nial meeting of the National Council at Saratoga on September 1, 1886. Among those present were Edward Everett Hale, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, O. B. Frothingham, President Francis A. Walker, Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes, Justin Winsor, Professors F. R. Nash, of Hobart, and Adolph Werner, of New York College.

A. A. KINCANNON and Dabney Lipscomb, professors in the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Mississippi, are both  $\Delta T \Delta$ 's; Prof. J. L. Johnson, and A. J. Quinche, of the University of Mississippi, are  $\Sigma X$ 's; M. H. Mabry, Lieutenant Governor of Florida, is a  $\Delta T \Delta$ ; Prof. Edward Mayes, of the University of Mississippi, is a  $\Delta K E$ ; A. S. Mehary, J. C. Longstreet and J. W. Cutter, members of the last Legislature of Mississippi, are  $\Delta T \Delta$ 's.

A new fraternity has come to us this year,  $\Phi A X$ . Its chapter is rather a strong one numerically, but it is as yet but little known in our Greek world. The "Mystic Seven" has changed its name to  $\Phi \Theta A$ , and its badge from a monogram of the letters  $M E$  to a star, with the three letters given above, in the centre. There is a rumor that  $\Sigma N$  is to start a chapter here, but nothing material has come of it.—*U. of V. cor.  $\Phi K \Phi$  Shield.*

THE Sigma Phi Fraternity celebrated its fifty-ninth anniversary with the Alpha at Union on March 4, 1886. The active chapters at Hobart, Williams, Union, Hamilton, and the Universities of Vermont and Michigan were represented. Among those present were Hon. Charles E. Fitch, editor of the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, Gen. Rufus King, of Albany, and about forty others.

THE new song book of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  will appear during the month of May. There will be about ninety songs in all, about forty of which are new. There will be ten or twelve pages of original music, and the other pieces will have references to "Carmina Collegensia," "American College Song Book," "Student's Songs," and other like collections where music is found.

AT her St. Louis Convention, in 1885,  $B \Theta \Pi$  granted a charter to petitioners at the University of Texas. This chapter

does not appear among the others in the  $B \Theta II$  "Hand-Book for 1886." It is said that the chapter started with only four men and has never obtained any more, but has lost some of the original four.

THE movement for a Zeta Psi Club in New York City was advanced on March 16, at a meeting of the resident members, when a committee appointed to inquire into the feasibility of the project reported in its favor. To ensure the success of a club-house one hundred members will be required.

*The Shield* says "that the fraternities at the University of Nebraska ( $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Sigma X$ ) are desirous that  $K \Lambda \Theta$  should establish a chapter in that institution." A  $\Phi K \Psi$  recently entered the University with the desire to found a chapter, but, finding the field occupied, joined  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

INDIANAPOLIS seems to be a popular city for constitutional conventions.  $B \Theta II$  adopted her present constitution there in 1878; the present constitution and laws of  $\Delta T \Delta$  were adopted there in 1883; and in 1886  $\Phi K \Psi$  adopted her new form of government in the same city.

THE resident members of Theta Delta Chi held their fourth annual reunion and dinner at the Murray Hill Hotel, New York, on March 12. President Capen, of Tufts, presided. About eighty members were present.

THE chapters of  $\Lambda T \Omega$  at Washington and Lee and Stevens await the action of the High Council of that fraternity at its next meeting. The former has no members, and the latter has but one, and he is a senior.

THE Lambda Chapter of Delta Phi at Rensselaer gave a brilliant ball on February 24, 1886, in part payment of society obligations due the people of Troy by that fraternity.

THE New York and Pennsylvania Chapters of  $\Phi I' \Delta$  will hold a conference June 3 and 4, at Gettysburg, Pa.

THE Indiana State Convention of  $\Phi I' \Delta$  met with the Lambda Chapter of De Pauw University, April 9, 1886.

The colors of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Delta \Phi$  are white and blue. The colors of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Sigma A E$  and  $\Sigma \Phi$  are royal purple.

THE Epsilon Province Convention of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  met in Indianapolis, April 8, 1886.

$K A$ , at Cornell, will soon commence the building of a chapter-house.

THE next Convention of  $X \Phi$  meets at Louisville, in November, 1886.

THE  $A \Delta \Phi$  *Star and Crescent* has suspended publication.

$\Sigma N$  has entered the Missouri State University.

$\Sigma A E$  has established a chapter at Wolford.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  has entered Adelbert with six men.

#### WHEN MY SHIP WENT DOWN.

##### I.

Sank a palace in the sea,  
 When my ship went down ;  
 Friends whose hearts were gold to me—  
 Gifts that ne'er again can be—  
 'Neath the waters brown.  
 There you lie, O Ship, to-day,  
 In the sand-bar stiff and gray !  
 You who proudly sailed away  
 From the splendid town.

##### II.

Now the ocean's bitter cup  
 Meets your trembling lip ;  
 Now your gilded halls look up  
 From Disaster's grip.  
 Ruin's nets around you weave ;  
 But I have no time to grieve ;  
 I will promptly, I believe,  
 Build another ship.

WILL CARLETON.

## Editorial.

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***The XXVIIth Annual Convention will be held at  
Louisville, Aug. 25, 26 and 27, 1886.***

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### THE NEW YORK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

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WE have received a copy of the by-laws of the New York Alumni Association of our Fraternity, which affords us a good insight into the workings of that organization,—an account of whose two recent meetings will be found elsewhere in this issue of **THE RAINBOW**. The entire scheme for its organization seems to have been carefully worked out, with a keen appreciation of the conditions under which alumni chapters have been known to thrive, and of the dangers which threaten their existence. We therefore take pleasure in briefly stating the methods of this Association, as shown by its rules. We do so the more cheerfully because the subject of alumni organization, which is at present receiving considerable attention from the more progressive of the fraternities, finds Delta Tau Delta thoroughly alive to the issue. We trust that the time will not be far distant when the alumni chapters now on our roll will be supplemented by others in those of the larger cities which afford the necessary material.

The officers of the New York Alumni Association are few in number, consisting of a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary and Treasurer,—the offices of Recording and Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer being combined in one person; they are elected for one year, and perform the duties usually devolving upon such officers. There is an Executive Committee of three, which arranges for meetings, banquets and social reunions; arranges the toast list, assigns the papers to be read, and arranges for the topical discussions. A Committee on Membership take action upon all applications for membership, and examines the candidate's fraternity and professional or mercantile record. Provision is made for two classes of members,—resident members, who reside and do business within a radius of ten miles

of the post office of the City of New York ; the latter class is limited to the number of twelve, presumably to secure compliance with the laws of the fraternity framed for the government of alumni chapters, which place the responsibility for the charter with resident members. Non-resident members, however, seem to have all privileges and rights of resident members, except that they have no voice in the election of members. The method of election is by letter ballot, and all candidates are required to be present in person at the meeting immediately preceding their election. Active membership in both classes is for the present confined to graduates of two years' standing and to non-graduates who have been four years out of college. This seemingly arbitrary ruling is, we understand, made for the purpose of allowing the policy of the Association, its membership, and the manner of conducting its elections, to be determined by the older graduates, and to prevent the Association from degenerating, as so many others have done, into essentially undergraduate reunions, of temporary existence and without fixed objects in view. We learn, however, that it is by no means intended to debar the younger graduates and non-graduates from participating in the social reunions of the Association, or from being present at the business meetings. The whole plan seems to have been wisely planned, and experience will doubtless confirm the theory on which the New York Alumni Association seems to be working.

We shall watch its workings with a great deal of interest. In New York City the alumni chapter scheme will be subjected to the crucial test of its efficiency. In no city in the country, except perhaps here in Chicago, are the conditions for successful growth less favorable than in New York City, whose numerous professional societies, social organizations, and thousands of distractions peculiar to metropolitan life, render it much more difficult to maintain an organization whose existence shall be more than merely nominal, and which will successfully attract the older as well as the younger alumni ; which will maintain active co-operation and advisory relations with the Executive Council and the smaller chapters ; promote a better acquaintance, socially and professionally, among the graduate members of the fraternity, and advance the interests of Delta Tau Delta in its vicinity. And if the New York alumni succeed in their undertaking, as now seems more than probable, we shall not listen with any degree of patience to the protests of our alumni in such cities as Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Indianapolis that, in spite of their large number of

resident members, they cannot venture to conduct an alumni chapter with at least as fair a prospect of success as our alumni in the busy Metropolis.

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### THE CATALOGUE DISTRIBUTION.

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THE last General Convention passed a resolution providing for the definite and final distribution of the remaining copies of the Fifth General and First Biographical Catalogue of the fraternity on such a basis that every chapter, as such, shall be responsible for its quota of the entire edition in proportion to the whole number of names on its chapter roll, as found in the Catalogue. This action was taken on the fair assumption that, inasmuch as the Catalogue is a general fraternity enterprise, every chapter should be called upon to bear its proportionate share of the expense by means of subscriptions. In this way all chapters whose alumni and undergraduates have done their duty are relieved of further responsibility, while those who have failed to interest themselves in behalf of the Catalogue, will now be called upon to attend to the distribution of their quota. No fault can be found in justice with this arrangement, which is impartial and fair; and we are glad to learn that several of the chapters who have failed in the past to show that interest which they should have, are now realizing their share of the responsibility by promptly taking up their part of the edition. The Catalogue certainly deserves the most general circulation, and, if properly used, will do more toward bringing together the alumni and undergraduates than any other means that can be devised. It has met with universal approval from all who have seen it, and is considered by those whose opportunities for judging are good, the equal of any work of its class, with perhaps one or two exceptions. To the lawyers of the fraternity the book must be of special value, giving them the addresses of nearly 750 members of their own profession, whose reliability, responsibility and honesty as correspondents is largely guaranteed by the fact that they are members of the fraternity. The time of the year is now coming when our younger members will spend much of their time in travel; they cannot have a more useful traveling companion or *vade mecum* than a copy of the Catalogue. We do not think, however, that the book requires further



praise from us, as its merits are well known throughout the fraternity, and we can only hope that the entire edition will be exhausted in short order. It was not printed from stereotype plates, and as the next Catalogue will not be issued until 1890, it will be well if those who desire a copy of the Catalogue will provide themselves with it at once. We draw attention to the notice, elsewhere in this issue, of the Catalogue Agent on this subject.

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### THE CONVENTION OF 1886.

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THE Executive Council, in pursuance of the authority conferred by the Detroit Convention, has selected Louisville as the place, and August 25, 26 and 27 as the time, for the Convention of 1886. We have every reason to commend the wisdom and judgment exhibited by the Council in their choice of a place so well adapted for a successful Convention as is the city of Louisville. The hotel accommodations are excellent, the generosity and hospitality of its citizens unbounded. The hundreds of Delta Taus in the adjacent Northern States will welcome the opportunity of visiting a typical Southern city, and, at the same time, participating in the affairs of the Convention and joining in the mirth of a jolly Delta banquet. It will for the first time give our Southern chapters the chance to send full delegations, and get thoroughly acquainted with their Northern brethren. Without doubt the selection of Louisville will attract a large number of our new brothers of the Rainbow, and thus lead to that much desired end—the complete and harmonious mingling of the members of the fraternities so happily united. The arrangements for the meeting will be made by the Louisville alumni, who in our next number will publish a full and satisfactory announcement to the fraternity.

No appointments for Orator and Poet of the Convention have as yet been made by the Council, and we earnestly hope that these features will be omitted, and the meeting celebrated without public literary exercises. We base our statement on what we believe to be solid and convincing facts. Two of our recent Conventions,—those of Indianapolis and Detroit,—cost the fraternity an outlay of nearly half-a-thousand dollars. The greater part of this expenditure was for public literary exercises, which, though certainly pleasant and agreeable

features, are yet of momentary value, and not lasting or permanent in their effects. Any Delta who is even slightly acquainted with the actual, pressing needs of the fraternity, will readily admit that these do not lie in the direction of public display at our Conventions. Convention literary exercises in the past have proved themselves costly amusements, and certainly have brought but meagre returns upon the investment. It is not necessary for us to enumerate the different ways in which this money could be more wisely and judiciously expended and invested. They are well known to every Delta Tau who wears the harness of a worker and toiler in our vineyard. Our disbursements, every dollar of them, should be for internal improvements, and not for outward show. To place one chapter in a comfortable hall ought to be of infinitely more satisfaction to us than a two-column newspaper article on literary exercises at our Conventions. The latter is read and appreciated by few, and forgotten in a day by the masses who notice it. Most of us, indeed, who listened to these exercises enjoyed them, and carried away pleasant recollections. Yet the more practical members, when we came to count up the profit and loss and square the ledgers, could not avoid the belief that, by a different use of the money, the fraternity, as a living, working, fighting organization, could have been better prepared for its life, made more efficient in its work, and armored with stronger, sterner weapons for its field of conflict. Money to a college fraternity, as to all organizations, is indeed the sinews of war and the keenest and most effective instrument of offense or defense; and that society which regulates and controls its financial expenditures in the simplest, wisest, most practical methods, will inevitably reap the most permanent and lasting results. As a fraternity dating its real life back scarcely ten years, Delta Tau has accomplished wonders. As much, if not more, can be done in the next decade if we use our surplus money,—if, fortunately, we should possess any,—in strengthening our weak places, in developing where we need to develop, in making permanent and abiding those forces which are essential to the activity and vigor and power of the fraternity.

As an additional argument in support of our position, let us mention the fact that the Louisville Convention will be overcrowded with work. Without the slightest exaggeration, more questions of importance will be thrust upon this Convention than upon any of its predecessors. As is well known, much of the work of the Detroit Convention was left unfinished. We need only mention the Ritual as an example.

At Louisville the policy of the fraternity, in several matters of extreme moment, will be firmly fixed ; the separation of the chapters into permanent Divisions ; the creation of several new funds, and the founding of a permanent financial policy ; the final regulations of dues, taxes and assessments ; the discussion of methods to place the journal on a successful financial basis ; plans for the organization of the alumni ; various changes in the emblems of the fraternity, and other questions of equal importance will invite and engage the attention of the delegates. These subjects must be discussed deliberately and exhaustively, and decided in full view of the force and effect they will exert on the future history and growth of Delta Tau. We have no reason to doubt that every available hour of the three days will be demanded for the transaction of legitimate business, and that no time can be spared to public exercises.

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## Open Letters.

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### THE INDIANA ORATORICAL CONTEST AND ITS LESSON.

THE literary exercises upon the occasion of the Indiana State Oratorical Association in Indianapolis, on April 8, are remarkable chiefly for the disgraceful scenes which followed the call for the representative from the the State University at Bloomington. The appearance of two rival claimants gave rise to an acrimonious discussion and to disgraceful disturbances, which ceased only when the manager of English's Opera House announced his determination to clear the house if these scenes did not at once come to an end.

These occurrences one might naturally look for at a political ward caucus, but not at a symposium of college men ; to us they seem especially offensive, and we are therefore prompted to examine the facts of the case and point out the lesson which they should teach. The whole trouble can be traced directly to the system of interfraternity combinations, so common in all of the Indiana Colleges. In no others, in fact, has it become more universal and far-reaching, as written bargains are entered into every year, and by these the several fraternities are inflexibly bound for that period, irrespective of right or wrong. That there is no other principle involved than that of making the best of the bar-

gain, is best shown by the fact, that it is of constant occurrence to see the allied fraternities of one year arrayed in bitter hostility against one another the following year ; the desire of each being to control by thus combining as many as possible of the political and literary offices. It affects every phase of college life, every college enterprise, and finally enters into the affairs of the State Oratorical Contest. It is a source of deep regret to the intelligent members of all of the fraternities beyond the limits of the State, and a constant source of anxiety to the governing bodies of the same ; it seems to have defied all general and special legislation that has been passed with a view removing it. It is doing much toward making the Chapters of that State political cliques whose sole aim is to advance selfish interests to the detriment not only of their colleges but also of their fraternities ; it is largely responsible for perpetuating the initiation of preparatory students, because some of the Chapters in order to maintain their numerical influence, will resort to the initiation of senior and even of middle and junior preparatory students, which necessarily compels others to follow suit. It leads to hasty initiations in the scramble for members, and has done more, we feel sure, than all other influences combined, to cause the numerous instances of expulsions, resignations, and desertions, which are more common in Indiana Colleges than in those of any other State. In fact a casual observer would feel quite justified in assuming, that at some of these colleges the fraternity system is rotten to the core, and, indeed, there must be something radically wrong in a system which tolerates abuses, only a few of which we have pointed out above.

As the first step necessary to purge the fraternity system of its irregularities, it will be necessary to abandon at once the present practice of making written and formal bargains ; they savor too much of the methods of the very lowest political work ; we believe, that in every relation a chapter's word, like that of an individual, should be as good as its bond ; but every chapter should feel free to act according to its best instincts, which it cannot, when a written compact is signed in combination with others, long before the time for action has come.

We will not argue here against interfraternity combinations except in the abstract, for we realize fully that these will continue to exist in spite of the most logical argument and the most stringent legislation, until such a time when the fraternities will find in their legitimate purposes a sufficiently large sphere of usefulness to exercise all of their

energies and engage their entire thought ; but we desire to see their undoubtedly vicious influence minimized by cutting off all features that will yield to argument and legislation. We therefore call upon our Indiana Chapters to hold aloof from all combinations which tie them hand and foot as does the present method ; the resolution of the Watkins Glen Convention to this effect has never been duly heeded. It is useless to remonstrate that they cannot afford to do so, without losing all political influence ; we would rather see them deprived for a whole college generation of all college honors, falsely so-called, than to have them assist in perpetuating a system of whose viciousness, both in methods and results, they must be fully aware. Moreover, at least one chapter in the State, that of *Δ K E*, at De Pauw University, has resolutely and for a number of years taken precisely the position which we here advocate, and we believe has suffered but little in the distribution of college offices.

A. P. TRAUTWEIN.

## Reviews.

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THE RECORD | OF THE | OHIO ALPHA CHAPTER, | PHI KAPPA PSI, | compiled and edited | by | W. H. GAMBLE, '88, O. W. U., | Registrar of the Chapter, | E. M. VAN CLEVE, '86, O. W. U., | Delaware, Ohio, | Ohio Wesleyan University, | 1885.

THE publication of this neat little book of 216 pages celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Ohio Alpha of  $\Phi K \Psi$ . It is the product of the faithful labor and patient toil of two undergraduates who devoted their time and talents to the work, so that the chapter might possess a fitting record of its achievements. The book opens with the usual *Introduction*, which precedes *A Song of Phi Kappa Psi*, a rather lengthy but excellent poem. Then follows a graphic sketch of the *History of Ohio Alpha*, by C. L. Van Cleve, well known as a recent editor of *The Shield*. *Ohio Alpha's Infancy* is a sympathetic article on that period of chapter life, which to every devoted fraternity man possesses a peculiar interest. The main body of the book is devoted to *The Special Register*, which consists of biographical sketches of the chapter initiates. Many of these are complete in every respect, giving the date of birth, name of parents, course of education, — public school and collegiate; political, professional or business career in full, and many other details necessary to a satisfactory sketch. An unusually large number of honorary members are noticed, who were avowedly initiated to strengthen the chapter at a time when college authorities looked upon fraternities as unworthy of trust. Aside from these members, the chapter has legitimately enrolled many men of prominence and wide reputation. The work concludes with *Ohio Alpha Reminiscences* and an *Index*. The compilers are to be highly commended for the excellence and success of their *Record*. The book will be to them a rich reward for their time, labor and thought, and a fitting tribute of love and loyalty to their chapter, which is certainly to be heartily congratulated upon possessing men who have been willing, under discouraging circumstances, to cheerfully devote themselves to her interests and advancement.

A | MANUAL | OF | PHI DELTA THETA, | by WALTER B. PALMER. | Nashville,  
| Southern Methodist Publishing House. | Printed for the author | 1886.

SUCH is the title page of a handsomely printed little volume of fifty-four pages, recently published by Mr. W. B. Palmer, who is well known in general fraternity circles as a very prominent  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , and one of her ablest and most skillful organizers. A very mine of valuable fraternity and collegiate information is packed between the covers of the volume, and a clumsy Phi Delt. will be he who cannot convert it into a most effective and dangerous campaign document. More than half the pages are devoted to a clear and well-written *Sketch of the Fraternity*, wherein is charmingly portrayed the birth, the early struggles and the wonderful growth of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Many of the author's statements are strengthened and verified by foot-notes, in the line of quotations from accepted fraternity authorities and historical articles published in the journals. Four pages contain a list of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's *Prominent Members*, of whom she possesses a goodly number. *Statistics of Fraternities* mentions all the chartered fraternities, giving date of foundation; number of chapters in number of States; name of journal, with date of foundation; and the fraternity colors. The final sixteen pages contain a most valuable array of *Statistics of Colleges*, in which  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is represented. The items include name of college and college town; date of charter; income; endowment; number in faculty; number of students in various departments; tuition fee; size of library; names of college papers; names of fraternities represented, with date of entry. By an admirable and judicious use of his materials, Mr. Palmer has succeeded in producing a manual of sterling worth for practical use and ready reference. It is interesting and valuable not only to  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's, but also to all other fraternity men, who will find the statistical portions especially adapted to their needs. We would like to see a copy placed in the hands of every one of our chapters. The book will be sold to any person, and can be obtained of the author, W. B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., for thirty cents in paper covers, and fifty cents in cloth.

## Chapter Letters.

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### Beta Beta—De Pauw.

THE Twelfth Annual Contest of the Indiana State Oratorical Association was held in English's Opera House, Thursday evening, April 8, 1886. After the orators from Franklin and De Pauw had spoken, the presiding officer then arose and said: "I wish to give a word of explanation. The orator from the State University has been contested. Part of the committee is for Mr. Fesler and part for Mr. Sims. Mr. Fesler's name is on the programme, and his subject is "The Independent Voter." As the presiding officer took his seat, Mr. Fesler stepped forward to speak, and at the same time Mr. Sims appeared at the footlights. Cries for Fesler were succeeded by cries for Sims, and then cries of the factions ran together and so continued for the some minutes. Manager English then appeared upon the stage and said: "I am not the manager of this oratorical contest, but I am manager of English's Opera House. If this thing continues, neither of these men shall speak in this house." The cries for Sims and Fesler continued, and then the shout of "Wabash, Wabash," was taken up, that college being next on the programme. Mr. English again came upon the stage and said: "These gentlemen will both have to take their seats. The house officer here will see that they do so." At this both took their seats, and the noise subsided. As Mr. Sims was the orator of the regular association and Mr. Fesler of the irregular one, it seems that the former should have been allowed to speak.

The other colleges represented were Wabash, Butler and Hanover. The first position was awarded to Mr. Joseph M. Adams, '86,  $\Delta K E$ , of De Pauw University. Among the Judges were Professor Justin N. Study,  $\Delta T \Delta$  (Mu, '71), the Superintendent of the Richmond Public Schools, and the Rev. Leland M. Gilleland,  $\Delta T \Delta$  (Gamma, '68), the pastor of the Walnut Street Presbyterian Church, Evansville. The winning combination in the election of officers for the ensuing year was composed of  $B \Theta II$ ,  $\Phi I \Delta$ ,  $\Delta K E$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $\Sigma X$  and  $\Delta T \Delta$ , each of which received one or more officers, the minority being composed of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and the barbarians. Nearly all of our chapter



attended the contest, and had the pleasure of meeting the Phi and Beta Zeta Deltas, and the two Deltas who served as judges on the contest.

Dr. Earp has been offered the presidency of Baker University, at Baldwin, Kan. Prof. William W. Martin, of the School of Theology, has accepted a professorship in the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University. Lieut. James B. Goe will be succeeded by Lieut. Will T. May as Professor of Military Science and Tactics on the first of July. The Forty-seventh Year-Book of the University is now in the hands of the printers, and will show an enrollment of nearly seven hundred students in all departments. Representatives of a part the fraternities of the Junior Class will soon issue an annual which will be called the *Mirage*, and we will be pleased to exchange with the chapters for the annuals published at their colleges. The chapter regrets the absence of Bro. Wimmer, '86, who will not be in college this term, but will graduate with his class in June. We were all very much pleased to know that the Rainbow Fraternity is now a member of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , and hope that much good will result from the union. When Bro. Plummer stopped off on his way from Nashville last fall, Beta Beta called a special meeting and agreed to the articles of agreement between  $\Delta T \Delta$  and Rainbow, thus being the first chapter to vote upon them. Since last writing it has been our good pleasure to have with us for a short time Bros. Borryman, '86, and Jackson, '82; Professor Study (Mu, '71), Beta Beta's guardian in her early days, and also Bro. Johnson, '85, now Instructor in Physics in the Indianapolis High School, who assisted Professor De Mott in his illustrated lecture on the "Philosophy of Music," the best entertainment of the University lecture course. We acknowledge the receipt of *The Choctaw Pow Wow*, published by Alpha, and *The Iota Chronicle*, both of which are quite readable papers, and deserve much encouragement.

#### Upsilon—Rensselaer.

OUR second term is nearly finished, and six or seven weeks will see the members of the chapter enjoying the freedom of the summer vacation, which is about the only one worth mentioning with the exception of a week's holiday at Christmas. As we look back over the past year we can truthfully say that the chapter has made more advancement than in any previous one. We have held our largest membership and have secured more college honors than at any time.

The rooms we now occupy are particularly desirable, and as we have a whole floor are very agreeable. We have had the misfortune to lose three of our members, namely, Bro. Finney, '88, and Bros. Hebert and Martin, '89. Bro. Martin was obliged to return home on account of poor health. Bros. Finney and Hebert will return in the fall. The Institute Ball Nine defeated Union College by a score of 12 to 4. Work has been renewed upon the Gymnasium, and it is expected to be finished by next September. It will be a very handsome building, 44×80 feet, two and one-half stories, built of dark red brick, with brown-stone trimmings. The annual, the *Transit*, will be out in about three weeks, and it is reported will be an exceptionally good issue. We hope to exchange with all our sister chapters publishing annuals. On account of the large graduating class, and the small Freshman class, several of the fraternities here will be reduced to a very limited number, especially if the incoming class should be small. During the past month we have had the pleasure of receiving visits from Bros. Asserson, '87 ; Quintana, '84, and Ranney, '85.

#### Pi—University of Mississippi.

As THIS is our first letter to appear in THE RAINBOW, and as all know we are new-comers in the Greek world, we would ask indulgence if we do not write as good a letter or appear as well acquainted with journalistic affairs. The University has not as many students this session as in former years. Some attribute as a cause, co-education, which made its *debut* here in 1882 by resolution of the Trustees ; but the male part of the student body seems to be dissatisfied with co-education as it now exists, and some few are doing all in their power to banish it from the University. But the session thus far has been very profitable one to the students and a very pleasant and peaceful one for the professors. Spring has come at last, with her balmy breezes and bright new dress of green, and has made the campus lovely beyond description. Nearly all the students have the "spring fever" and "Knucks," which, by the way, is a favorite spring game here.

The 17th of April was the day for the Hermæan Literary Societies Senior Trial Debate, but on account of the inclemency of the weather it was postponed until night, which was lovely, and all the beauty and chivalry of Oxford were out to hear the seniors "spread themselves." It was a very interesting debate, and all the speakers did themselves justice. The following Saturday (24th) was the day for the Phi Sigma

Literary Societies' Senior Debate. The seniors acquitted themselves admirably, and one rarely hears debates like that. On April 30 we will have the pleasure of hearing Phi Sigma's chosen Anniversary Orator, who will give us an original oration, and every one is expecting something grand, as he is a gentleman of some renown in oratory, having taken two medals before. Commencement is slowly but surely approaching, and even now one can hear the boys practicing their speeches for that memorable occasion of "jollity" and "ice cream."

Our chapter is in good condition, and we meet regularly every other Saturday night. We have thirteen good men, which is more than the average for each fraternity here. Three of our men are juniors, three sophomores, three freshmen, and one senior law student. This seems to be a good session for fraternities here, as every one has a good number, and there seems to be less of the clannish spirit and more sociability among the clubs than has been for many years. We are anticipating quite a nice time with some of our alumni at Commencement, of whom quite a number have written us that they would be here on that occasion. We received letters not long since from Bros. Plummer and Ware, welcoming us as Deltas, and also received a letter from Bro. Eugene Benton, of Beta Epsilon. We are always glad to hear from any Delta, and thank Bros. Plummer and Ware for the nice welcome they gave us, and hope that we may always conduct ourselves so as not to lessen that welcome or detract from the fair name of Delta Tau Delta.

#### Lambda—Vanderbilt.

SINCE the initiation of the Rainbow Chapter into the mysteries of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , things have been on the *qui vive*. Our members have gone to work with an earnestness never displayed before, and are determined to make and keep the " $\Delta$ " Chapter one of the best in the fraternity world. Bro. Finney, of " $T$ " Chapter, was with us on the 15th, and the boys vied with each other in showing him courtesies, and succeeded so well that he remained a day longer than he expected to. We are now trying to hold a Conference of the chapters of the Rainbow Division, in order that the newly made Deltas may be made better acquainted with the inner workings of the fraternity, and that a more healthy spirit of fraternal feeling might be infused into some of them. If we succeed in holding a Conference, it will more likely be at Chattanooga, May 21 and 22, and all Deltas are cordially invited to attend

and lend a helping hand. Bro. J. M. Kile Law, '86, has been honored by being appointed as one of the Moot Court speakers for Commencement. The  $\Delta T \Delta$  Chapter has, as confreres in the mystic world, the  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $K \Sigma$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $X \Phi$ ,  $K \Lambda$ ,  $\Sigma \Lambda E$ , with all of whom it is on the most friendly terms. The  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $X \Phi$  and  $\Delta T \Delta$  are especially on friendly terms, and never fail to come to the assistance of one another when necessity demands it. Our fraternities generally average about fifteen members. We have initiated about twenty of the old Rainbow alumni into the fraternity. On May 8 there will be a sort of reunion of the alumni, pursuant to a request from our chapter, on which day we expect about twenty more to "ride the goat."

I would so much like to be able to write at length the praises of the University in which " $\Delta$ " Chapter is located, for it is undoubtedly the best equipped University in the South. Therefore, for want of space, I will only speak of a new enterprise that has been inaugurated at Vanderbilt, namely, an Athletic and a Base Ball Association, which promises to bring great pleasure to the boys and profit to our University. At present there are about one hundred members in each association. Our object is to get our Southern Colleges interested in this move in order that we might meet once a year in the Caledonian games, as they do in the Eastern Colleges. Our "field" day will be on the 7th of May, and I may safely predict, from what the boys are doing in practice, that several records will be equalled, if not beaten. Bro. J. B. Fogg (B.A., Harvard), Law, '86, is the captain of the athletic games. Bro. J. A. Clinton, Law, '86, is manager of the Varsity B. B. C. Our colors are white, black and yellow.

#### Omicron—University of Iowa.

THE State University has been severely handled this year by the legislature and friends (?) Everyone having some little grievance has taken this opportunity to ventilate it before the legislature. Notwithstanding this combined opposition, the appropriation bill passed, and the University is better known and better appreciated for having undergone the test. This has been a prosperous year for the S. U. I. Fraternities. Omicron introduces to you three initiates since our last letter—James H. Lloyd, '89, Charles City; Valmah T. Price, '89, Elkader, and Henry C. Williams, '87, Charles City. The number of initiates into the different fraternities this year are as follows;  $\Delta T \Delta$ ,

ten ;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , eight ;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , four ;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , four ;  $\Sigma X$ , three. R. B. Clark, '88, is with us again this term.

The Iowa City *Vidette Reporter* of March 6 contained the following item :

"Last Saturday evening the members of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity met in their large and elegant halls for the purpose of entertaining their friends. The evening was spent in social intercourse, cards and dancing. Among the visitors present were Miss Lulu Clarke, Cedar Rapids ; Misses Lamsons, Fairfield ; also, Messrs. Chas. E. Thayer, Minneapolis ; J. W. Witmer, Grant Marquardt, Des Moines ; H. M. Hedrick, Ottumwa ; E. L. Hughes, Ohio Wesleyan University."

#### Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

THERE is a marked falling off in the usual attendance of students at the O. W. U. this term, probably due to exaggerated reports about the "measles epidemic" we had last term. A little over four hundred students have thus far enrolled. There seem to be but few men available for fraternities among the new students. This is the term when the fraternities try their strength with each other in games of ball and other out-door sports. Already the "nines" are being formed, and at no distant date  $\Delta T \Delta$  will doubtless "cross bats" with some worthy opponent. What we lose for want of a gymnasium we can regain by field sports. A gymnasium and drill room has recently been fitted up in one of the college buildings, but members of the battalion only are allowed to enter. At the close of last term we were officially notified by the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity that H. J. Clark, '88, and C. E. Dreese, '89, had, *by request*, resigned from that fraternity. Mr. Clark was formerly a member of  $\Phi K \Psi$  at Meadville, Pa., while Mr. Dreese recently entered as a new student from Xenia. It seemed to be the old story of "fish in the wrong pool."

Bro. H. B. Swartz, '84, who has been attending the Boston School of Theology, will take a post graduate course of study here this term for the degree of A. B., in order that he may be able to receive the degree of Ph. D. when he returns to Boston. Bro. A. L. Banker, '86, has been called away for a month to fill a vacancy in the public schools at Cardington, O., but will return in time to graduate with his class. Not long since Bro. E. E. Ewing, B, '64, made our chapter a pleasant call. The reports of our delegates to the Second Division Conference were very entertaining, and we are sorry that more of us could not attend. The Junior Class of this college expect to publish a *Bijou*,

## CHAPTER LETTERS.

which will probably be out in about a month. We would be glad to exchange with other chapters for like publications. The Pan Hellenic Glee Club, which furnished music for the last Pan Hellenic Banquet, took a trip, during the spring vacation, through Southern Ohio, giving, in all, four concerts. Various reports from the different places and from the boys themselves have been received, and we are led to believe that while they did not get "rich," they had more "fun" than is derived from most vocations. Since this term began they have organized themselves into a Pan Hellenic Fraternity called the  $A K \Phi$ . They have thirteen members—nine singers and four musicians. They recently gave a very entertaining concert before the people of Delaware, which consisted of college songs and other ditties which made the programme spicy throughout. Our latest initiate to the fraternity is George H. Geyer, '89.

### Beta—Ohio University.

SINCE our last letter the attendance at the Ohio University has been considerably increased, and the new buildings and additional apparatus promises to greatly increase the prosperity of the University. A few days ago the Legislature appropriated several thousand dollars for our use in employing new professors for next year, and the outlook for our time-honored institution is better than ever before. Arbor Day in Ohio we celebrated in fine style. Some new trees were planted in the Delta row, and it still remains the finest row of fraternity trees in the campus.

Beta now has eight members, all of whom are up to the standard of Deltaism in intellect and character. The  $B \Theta \Pi$ 's and  $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$ 's have some very good men here, but we are proud that the Deltas still take the lead in scholarship. We are sorry to announce, however, that one of our brightest men, Bro. F. E. Strickland, a member of the Senior Class, died at his home in Adams County some weeks ago. Bro. Strickland was, without question, the best student in the University, and we expected great pleasure and profit from our association with him for another term, but he passed away in that unwavering faith which we believe Deltaism fosters, and has gone to his reward above. Our chapter was highly entertained at the home of Prof. Evans a few evenings ago. Prof. Evans is the only member of the Faculty who is an enthusiastic frat. man, and he wants us to know that

he belongs to us, and he helps us in many ways. Two of our boys out of the six selected are on the programme for literary contest at the coming Commencement, and for the fourth time in succession one of our Alumni will deliver the Master's Oration in June. Only two of our boys—T. B. White and J. A. Kirkendall—graduate this year. We are all in good spirits and expect to make the remainder of this term the most pleasant for Beta that she has seen for years.

#### Omega—Iowa Sate College.

WITH May 1st comes a change in the presidency of the I. S. C., President Leigh Hunt having handed in his resignation on account of ill health. The name of his successor is as yet unknown, though various indications point to Hon. J. W. Akers, present State Superintendent of Public Instruction, as the coming man. As may be readily imagined, students, being specially interested, are looking forward to the meeting of the Trustees and the announcement of the new executive with no small degree of interest. The Legislature only appreciated our institution this year to the extent of an appropriation of \$7,500, a matter much regretted by all, as there was ample room for a judicious expenditure of many times that amount.

Omega has not been idle this term. The opening found us with eleven active members on hand, and a general disposition prevailing to push society work. This has been carried out, and our regular literary sessions thus far have been marked for their success and interest manifested. On the evening of May 6 we hold our first joint session of the term with the "sisterhood" of I. C's. Temporal, as well as spiritual things will no doubt be very ably discussed, and an enjoyable occasion is anticipated.

#### Epsilon—Albion.

SINCE our last letter we have entered upon the last term of our year. Our outlook is particularly pleasant to us, since, for the first time in our history, we are living together in a chapter house. This is the accomplishment of a long series of persistent efforts upon the part of Epsilon to possess a chapter house, and it is with great pride and satisfaction that we are able to extend an invitation to our alumni and any and all Deltas, while in the city, to call upon us and make us a visit. Our doors are always open,—come. We will assure you that you are

heartily welcome. The prospects within our chapter are equally as promising as those without. Since the beginning of the year, by close economy and constant effort, we have been able to decrease our chapter debt to the extent of seventy dollars, while at the same time paying our local running expenses and keeping a clean balance sheet with our general fraternity. To us this is greatly encouraging. We feel that our strength in a financial way has been put to a practical test, and that we have won, and that indicates to us a bright and happy future. Also, it gives to us much pleasure to be able to introduce to the fraternity our new fraters, Bro. Luther Lovejoy and Bro. Edmund Edmunds, who have united their interests with ours in Delta Tau Delta.

#### Eta—Buchtel.

THURSDAY evening, April 15, our active members and several of our alumni of Akron, with three Delts from Cleveland, assembled with their ladies at Hotel Buchtel to see  $\Delta T \Delta$  and  $K K \Gamma$  united in A. E. Hyre and S. Emma Cadwallader. The party was composed almost entirely of Delts and Kappas. Rev. C. E. Nash, of the Universalist Church, rendered a very impressive ceremony. Everything passed off in perfect order. No more enjoyable time could have been wished by the most critical, as everybody was happily entertained throughout the entire evening of ceremony, music and banquet, and all felt that they must long remember the marriage of Lon. and Cad. Delta Tau Delta furnished ushers. Bro. Garber and Miss Krenzke,  $K K \Gamma$ , were attendants at the ceremony. Among the presents were an elegant clock ( $K K \Gamma$ ), a fine decorated tea-set ( $\Delta T \Delta$ ), many silver pieces (Akron alumni), and a fine lamp (Zeta and Cleveland alumni).

*The Record*, given birth to by Bro. Hyre, and by him sold to Bro. Felt, has slumbered for more than a year, it having been purchased by the Faculty. This last-named body offered it to the students to edit and manage, but the students could not agree with the faculty. A few days since, those to whom *The Record* was indebted received notices that were they to bestow the same upon the college, the gift would be duly appreciated. Bro. Felt can now walk out without fear of his creditors, as many looked to him as responsible for the completion of their ads. and subscriptions. In the death of *The Record* is another case of a deluded faculty. There is not much communion of good feeling in the Senior Class,—about half of the members pulling one



way and the remainder another. Some are dissatisfied with the manner of electing representatives on commencement day. This is the cause of the split, but there is a mixture of obstinacy.

#### **Iota—Michigan State.**

EFFORTS for the organization of a third fraternity in the college are at present being exerted, with favorable chances for success. The institution, with a constantly growing attendance of over three hundred, can well support an additional society. Iota, on the night of April 3, was happy to add to her circle of actives Bro. J. B. Wheeler. Bro. C. B. Collingwood, '85, graced the ceremony with his presence. The occasional visits of Bro. Thomas, '85, are heartily appreciated by the chapter, always happy in extending her courtesies to her alumni. We have lately placed in our hall a new Knabe piano, an addition long contemplated, and our final success gives us a great deal of pleasure. Our hall presents an exceedingly fine appearance, since it was completely refurnished only two years ago at an expense of several hundred dollars. The expense of the piano was largely met by our alumni, to whom the thanks of the actives are cordially extended.

#### **Beta Zeta—Butler.**

THERE has been a most gratifying change here in the feeling of fraternities for each other. So far, this term has been accompanied by the usual prosperity in college circles. Everything has been gliding smoothly along, with the exception of the double delegation from here to the State Oratorical Association, and even this disturbance did not manifest itself in any rancorous feelings among the students. Our chapter has always discouraged combinations and the wire pulling,—if not the hair pulling,—to which they necessarily lead. In this respect we have a clear record, and we hope that a higher standard of peace and harmony is awaiting our college. There is the best of feeling existing among the sister fraternities, as well as between the fraternities and "barbs." There is not so much anti-fratism shown as a year ago, and, indeed, there has been no cause for such feeling. It has been about as quiet in fraternity circles. No initiations have taken place, except that of a prep. taken by the Phi Deltas.

Every one was much surprised, at the beginning of the term, by the news that the *KA Θ's* had lost their charter, it having been

taken away at their last convention, at Wooster, Ohio. Several reasons have been given, but none seem to have sufficient evidence of being the right one. Much sympathy has been expressed, and we understand there was talk of trying to have the charter renewed. We as well as other fraternities, have been tolerably quiet this term, but we hope by our next letter to announce another loyal Delt. Bro. Wise will be in our midst next year. He has hitherto been preaching in the city, but has resigned his position there, and intends moving to Irvington. He will be a powerful instrument for our good, as no one comes in contact with him without feeling his genial influence. We also hope to have Bro. Higbee with us next year. He has been teaching this year, and he has been so much in love with it that he hardly knows whether to return or not. Brother Davison is clerking in a coal and coke company's office in Minonk, Ill. We were much rejoiced the first of the term by a visit from Bro. Van Cleave, who has been in Kansas for a couple of years. He is very enthusiastic; says he met several Deltas, all of whom treated him as if he were a long-lost brother. Bro. Armstrong cannot be with us this term, much to our sorrow, on account of his eyes. Bro. Durler is, we understand, though not to a certainty, clerking in a bank in Chicago. Our alumni seem to forget us. It may be that they start to come to see us, but that the city stops them. We would like to see an alumnus once in a while, and take this method of letting them know it.

#### Chi—Kenyon.

OLD Kenyon is in as prosperous condition now as she has been for years. Our very able faculty, combined with the untiring zeal of President Bodine, leave nothing undone to keep the standard up to what it always has been. Hubbard Hall, a very fine stone structure whose use is to be devoted to a library, is now completed. Quite a number of students from the Grammar School will enter college next fall. This preparatory school has never been in a better condition than now; the students are subjected to strict military discipline, the attendance is large, and the teachers employed are competent. Kenyon Day occurs this year during Commencement week. Everything is quiet in the fraternity circles. We have not, however, been altogether inactive. We are happy to introduce to the fraternity Bro. Henry J. Eberth, from Toledo, Ohio. He was initiated just at the close of last term; is a member of the Class of '89, which, by the way, he leads.

An honor he is to Delta Tau. Bro. Harris, '85, is practicing law at Sullivan, Ind., and is meeting with success. Bro. Reid, '87, is Kenyon Day orator, also base-ball captain. Bro. Eberth is a member of the nine; he is also a member of the choir and glee club. Our *College Reveille* will be out about the middle of June. We would be glad to exchange with our sister chapters.

#### Zeta—Adelbert.

THE conference business has all been finished up, and Zeta takes pride in the result. It is rumored that another fraternity among us is a possibility of the near future. Let them bring their men with them, at least let them bring the seed for a chapter, and it must be of good quality. Our president, Dr. Carrol Cutler, has resigned the presidency, the resignation to take effect at Commencement. He will continue to fill the chair of philosophy. We had a pleasant call from Bro. Degan, of Delta, last week. Adelbert will have a field day this year under the management of the Sophomore Class. An excellent programme has been made out, and some good records are looked for. Our annual, *The Reserve*, will be out this month, without doubt, and it is the wish of the chapter to exchange with all chapters issuing annuals. We make this statement, knowing that several of the chapters have already issued their annual. Upon receiving the news of The Rainbow consolidation we held a jollification and ratification appropriate to such an important event. A party composed of resident alumni and actives went to Akron the 15th instant to attend Bro. A. E. Hyre's wedding, which was a royal Delta affair.

#### Gamma—Washington and Jefferson.

We open the present term two short. Bro. C. G. Whistler left for good last term to go into business. He was a genial, good fellow, a royal Delta, and will be missed by all the boys. We wish him success. Bro. McAdams is threatened with typhoid fever, and will not be back for some time yet. Bro. H. G. Alexander assumes the office of editor-in-chief of *Jeffersonian*, and promises to give us a good paper. Bro. Geo. S. McElroy, our only Senior, will go to Virginia at the close of the term instead of Apollo, Pa. His father recently purchased a large plantation in Orange County, Va. George is one of the "old timers" in the frat, and we hate to see him go. May the shadow of his mous-

tache never grow less. Bro. Robert R. Reed dined the Frat Whist Club recently. The boys were impolite enough to beat him in his own house. We all enjoyed it very much. The college annual will be out next month. We would like to exchange with some of the other chapters. Bro. Ross spent the spring vacation with his brother at Annapolis, Md. Charles Newlon is back again looking after the oil wells. We were very much pleased to be again represented so ably at the First Grand Division Conference by Bro. C. B. Reid. The chapter will go out soon, and select some good shady hillside and be photographed by Bro. Sherrard Elliott. Cannot promise to pay for camera. Gamma is very much pleased with the consolidation with Rainbow, and extend the hand of greeting with best wishes to all our new brothers.

#### Xi—Simpson.

OUR regular corps is augmented this term by the return of Bro. C. B. Kern, '89, who has remained out for a year, and the initiation of Robert C. Harbison, '88, of Indianola, Ia., the evening of the 10th instant. This gives us an active force of ten. In the case of Bro. Harbison a new regulation takes its first effect; before initiates are admitted to the full rights of membership, it requires a thorough knowledge of the laws and workings of the fraternity, which we have always insisted upon, and (thanks to the Rho for formulating) have incorporated in our new code of chapter laws. Since the opening of the term we have treated the walls of our hall to a new dress of paper, which makes its appearance so rich and pleasant it is with justice acknowledged the finest suite of rooms in the city. Xi has labored hard to revive *The Tangent* this year, but as the hearty co-operation of all parties could not be secured it was deemed best to drop the enterprise till another year. We have constantly favored its publication, and its death last year was due to the disinterested spirit of our rivals. Bro. T. D. Murphy, '87, was the winner of the Miller Poetical Prize Medal the evening of March 18, and now bears the title, Poet Laureate of Simpson. The subject of his poem was "The Way of Life." Bro. T. N. Franklin, '89, presides over the Philomathian Society this term. Bro. N. B. Ashby, '85, favored us with a pleasant visit the close of last term. By reason of poor health he has been compelled to resign his position as teacher of the Latin High School at Winterset, Ia. Maurice Bradford, ex-'87, has gone west in search

of better health. Bro. W. B. Whitney, ex-'80, made a recent visit to Indianola. Xi rejoices over the recent addition to our ranks. To the members of the Rainbow, one and all, she extends a cordial greeting, and hopes that the union may be one of mutual profit and good will.

### **Beta Theta—University of the South.**

LET me introduce our new brothers,—A. H. Noll, from Western Texas; F. M. Garland, of Boston, Mass.; and Charley S. Heard, of Augusta, Ga. We are quite proud of our choice, and *we* think we have the pick of the flock. We started in this term with an active list of sixteen men, the three new brothers making nineteen. We are in better condition than we have ever been, and are enthusiastic for the cause.

The foundations are just being laid for a new gymnasium, which when completed will be one of the handsomest structures we have. The number of students in attendance is larger than it has ever been at this season, and the indications are that the University has entered upon a "boom" of prosperity. The Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest will be held on the 6th of May. Our orators are Mr. Guerrey, *ΣΑΕ*, and Mr. Thompson, *ΚΕ*. We also think of contesting with Vanderbilt in athletic sports. Fraternity circles here are very peaceable and quiet at present. An annual is being agitated, but nothing else of importance is talked about.

Bro. G. G. Smith, who initiated our chapter at Vanderbilt, is charmed with the men there, and is very proud of having been the first man to initiate a Grand Chapter. Bro. Weiss, who initiated the Oxford Chapter, reports an excellent body of men. Delta Tau Delta has every reason to be proud of having two such chapters as these are.

### **Delta—University of Michigan.**

THE most notable stir about the University this spring seems to be the great impetus that has been given athletics by the opening of the gymnasium. Every afternoon now finds a crowd on the campus practicing running, jumping and walking. The base-ball and Rugby teams are also in daily practice, and much is expected of them. Bro. F. A. Rasch will manage the nine this year, and Bro. Sanders is secretary and treasurer. Bro. McDonald will play first base and catcher. Lawn tennis is also very popular, and not less so with the ladies than with the

gentlemen. There promises to be a most lively Commencement this spring, and socially, at least, it will probably surpass any previous one. Bro. McAndrews, who is president of the Senior Class, is doing all in his power to make it a great success. *The Palladium* is now out, and is one of the best ever issued here, from a literary view, and far surpasses any previous editions in appearance and material.

Affairs are moving along harmoniously in the chapter, and while we shall lose six men this year, we will start next fall with a fair number, and our outlook is very promising for a speedy increase. Bro. Callard, '84, spent the latter part of April with us, and Bros. Scranton and Bennett, of Epsilon, paid us a visit recently. Bro. Reed, '76, was here for a few days lately. He is about to start for England. We are always glad to have a visit from any members of the fraternity.

#### Psi—Wooster.

WE are glad to introduce to the fraternity our last initiate, Bro. Thos. P. McKee, '89. He is of such stuff as Deltas are made, and wears his badge with the grace of an old timer. Bro. T. A. Wise is back this term, and will enter '89. Bro. J. C. Sharpe, '83, who is Professor in an academy at East Pittsburgh, Pa., spent part of the last vacation at Princeton, N. J. There are three Deltas in the college and two in the seminary. He gathered them together and had an old fashioned reunion. The boys all have the true spirit, and we are proud of them. We extend to our Rainbow Chapters a most hearty welcome. For they are wel-come. There is no other fraternity which, at the age of ours, had ever accomplished so much, or had before it so bright a future. And with the power that W. W. W. brings us, we will be enabled to push our policy more vigorously, and to gain larger ends. "Long live our fraternity." The University has of late received ten thousand dollars, and a microscope valued at one thousand. A change has also been made in the curriculum, which necessitates a high standard for admittance. The attendance has been about five hundred this year, and promises to be much larger the next.

#### Nu—Lafayette.

SINCE the beginning of this scholastic year Nu has had her hands full. Starting with but three members, we have steadily gained ground until now we number nine, all of whom will return next year, except

Bro. Stenger, who will graduate. Lately we have been renovating our rooms. The improved appearance well rewards us for our trouble. It is fitted up with a billiard table and neat furniture. We receive the benefit of the experience of our alumni of town who move in perfect harmony with the active members. Every Saturday evening we convene to transact business, and are sincerely glad to see the activity in the fraternity in general, and in our new acquaintance particularly. The *Melange* has just been issued, containing a full account of  $\Delta T \Delta$  Chapters, and showing its creditable standing as compared with other fraternal orders. Spring has bedecked again the grounds of Lafayette, bringing forth all its beauties. We have a campus that, for beauty, practical use and convenience, has few equals. The college is situated on a hill raising abruptly from the town, commanding excellent views of the surrounding country. The buildings, too, are well worthy of notice, and are objects of interest to visitors. The students enter with vigor into athletic sports, and not without good showing. Activity in the fraternities is at present rather low. In closing we extend the hand of good fellowship to our new fraters of the Rainbow.

#### Alpha—Allegheny.

THE Annual Pow-wow, celebrated last term, was very successful, many of our alumni being present at the peculiar and fantastic ceremony. After smoking the calumet, the warriors in solemn and stately dignity marched to the banquet hall and fell upon the "jerked meats" in a very enthusiastic and unanimous way. As usual the traditional howls and the inevitable "walk-around" completed the yearly palaver. James A. Wakefield is our latest pappoose, and is rapidly assuming the visage of a full fledged warrior. Bros. Warren and Bumgartner do not meet with us this term, but will return in the fall. We are preparing for a grand reunion of our alumni at the coming Commencement. A large number have already signified their intention of being present, and everything indicates a glorious success. Our local alumni have been strengthened by the addition of Dr. W. D. Hamaker ( $\Gamma$ , '80), who has settled in the city. In the Young Men's Republican Club of Crawford County, the Alpha is represented by the President, Maj. Chip. Richmond, '82; Vice-President, W. B. Best, '83; and Treasurer, Harry Flood, '85. Fraternity matters are quiet, but few initiations being reported.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has secured a suit of rooms in the Phoenix

Block, which they have finely furnished.. *K A Θ* recently gave a reception to the fraternities, which was largely attended and very successful. The graduating class this year numbers thirty-two, and its loss will seriously effect several of our rivals, whose best men graduate with '86. We received a pleasant call lately from Bro. Nat. Degan, of Delta.

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## Necrology.

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James Albert Porter, Iota, '77.

Was born in Preston county, W. Va., February 5, 1854. He came with his parents to Blissfield, Mich., in 1864, and entered the State Agricultural College in the fall of '73, being initiated at the Iota the same term. After graduation, in 1877, he engaged in teaching, at which work he was eminently successful. He was married in the fall of 1884 to Miss Alice Hodges, of Ogden, near his old home in Blissfield, where he died December 25, 1885. For fifteen years he had been a member of the United Brethren of the Zion Church, Ogden. He was always ready to identify himself with every Christian work, and was particularly efficient and enthusiastic in performing the duties of the Superintendent of Sabbath School, which position he had long held.

### RESOLUTIONS OF CHAPTER IOTA.

**WHEREAS**, The Omnipotent hand has again brought sorrow to our fraternity in the death of a loyal son, James Albert Porter; and,

**WHEREAS**, We realize that in him the fraternity loses a zealous worker and faithful brother, and his family a kind father and devoted husband. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we hereby express the high esteem and reverence we ever entertained toward the deceased, and point with pride to his pure and Christian life.

*Resolved*, That we extend the sorrowing family our sincere sympathy in their irreparable loss.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to his family, printed in *THE CRESCENT*, and entered on the minutes of the Chapter.

Stewart McKee, Beta Eta Prime, (U. of W. Pa.) '65.

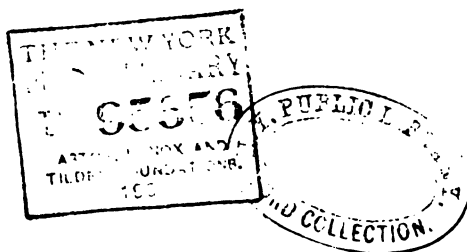
Stewart McKee, of the firm of McKee Brothers, glass manufacturers, died at his residence, 111 Sheffield street, Allegheny, Pa., on the morning of Nov. 13, 1885, from rheumatism of the stomach. Bro. McKee was 40 years of age, having been born on Bingham street, South Side, Pittsburg. He



was a son of the late Thomas McKee, junior partner of the firm of McKee & Co., glass manufacturers. He was an alumnus of the old Western University and afterwards went into business with his brother, H. Sellers McKee. He was a vigorous, intelligent business man and a prominent citizen. He was married in 1888 to a daughter of James Dalzell, who, with an infant son, survive him. The deceased was also Vice President of the M. & M. Bank, a director of the South Side Gas Company, the Birmingham Bridge Company, and was one of the originators of the Fuel Gas Company, as well as identified with several other business enterprises.

**William Johnstone Davidson, Theta, '74,**

Was born September 2, 1852, at Cornellsville, Pa., and moved to Beaver, Pa., with his father's family in the spring of 1868. In 1869 and '70 he was a student at the Beaver College, and in '71, '72 and '73 attended Bethany College, West Virginia, where he was a great favorite. After he left college he was appointed Deputy Prothonotary under O. A. Small, Esq., which place he filled for five years. In '77 he received the appointment of Assistant Postmaster in the Pittsburgh postoffice, where he remained until July 15, 1883. In 1882 he was a candidate for the Republican nomination in the Beaver district for State Senator, but was defeated in a close contest by Senator Agnew. When the Love Sewing Machine Works of Rochester was organized he became the General Superintendent, but after two years resigned on account of his failing health. He died at Beaver Falls, Sunday, December 11, 1884, after a lingering illness of more than two years. The deceased was a man of great promise, universally loved and respected, and had he lived, would have won his way to distinction and eminence.



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## WHY FRATERNITIES?

*Address to the Late Annual Conference of the First Grand Division D. T. D.,  
by the President, WILL CARLETON.*

WE are to-day all guests; we are to-day all hosts; entertaining and entertained, as is the custom and object of fraternal societies.

We meet, as ever, in defiance of many reasons why we should not; reasons that have much weight within them, and, if not counterbalanced by heavier ones, they would sink our fraternity into the depths of destruction.

In that series of college revelations called Logic, we learned, among other things, that unanswerable arguments might exist upon both sides of every question.

They obtain, no doubt, against all college fraternities. They have been brought to the fore with considerable music of trumpets and gleaming of banners; and sometimes college faculties have substituted for the banners a goodly supply of wet blankets.

Among the unanswerable arguments against societies of this sort is, that they take time. We look at the thousands of years that have been and will be hung up like glittering canvas in the memory of mankind. Upon this canvas we see painted indelibly, grand results of the energy and intellect of other men. With all this we must compete, if we would leave anything to show the world that we answered to its roll-call. The time given us to do this is only from one to five decades—a fraction of a century in which to compete with ten thousand years!

When we reflect that we have offered us upon which to hang our trophies, one almost invisible link of the great chain

that stretches out of eternity into eternity, what wonder that we feel that the pendulum which checks off the student's days is formed of solid gold ! that the chimes of each hour constitute a costly strain of music ! that the clamor of every New Year morning is a salvo of artillery above the corpses of opportunities !

We must remember, too, that upon such time as is given us, Death has a mortgage. His rates of interest are thirty-three and a third per cent., and he sends his smooth-browed relative, Sleep, each day to collect it. Sleep takes eight hours from our twenty-four, and carries away cheerfully as much in addition as we will give him. Meanwhile, he will not tell us when that hard creditor with the black crape on his arm means to foreclose and take away our whole chronological estate.

But not only Time. Another argument against college fraternities is, that they have a tendency to take one's mind off his studies. Few men ever left college without feeling that their whole path had been thronged with highwaymen ready to rob them of their instruction and discipline.

The memory of a college course has woven within it some of the brightest and sweetest colors to be found on the earth ; but there is always running through it a thread of black, called Regret.

When a man steps out into the cold, and finds that Life is not a tournament with school-mates, but a thirty-years war with the world at large ; when he sees almost every day shine or gloom upon a field of battle ; when he draws upon the military stores laid by during his college training, and ascertains that here is a sword left dull, and there is an intellectual revolver with one or two chambers unloaded, and these mental cartridges will not do good execution because they were never properly charged, how he wishes he had "scorned delights, and lived laborious days !" How he regrets every throb of energy that was spared from his work !

I might bring here several other arguments against college fraternities ; there are plenty still waiting. Among them is the financial cost of chapters and conclaves ; the disapproval of outside friends, who hold that nothing can be right and pure into

which the whole world, impurity and all, is not admitted ; the risk of encountering an occasional black sheep in the paddock, who butts his way resolutely in, and objects to being scared, frozen, or pushed out ; the danger of our becoming blind to any good outside of our own fraternity ;—all these and many others have been put into one pan of the scale, and, if we may not counterpoise them with as heavy or heavier ones, that end of the beam will fall upon and crush us. Let us see if we can find any arguments that will justify our being here to-day, and our having been together in a similar capacity many times before.

One important fact in our favor is the natural tendency of men to go, and to grow, in different directions one from another. Never do two minds climb exactly toward the same point. All intellects that *are* intellects, and not mere exaltations of the senses, have in them more or less originality, and they move in different directions, and show a tendency to carry the heart with them. This would soon produce anarchy, if there were no cords of congeniality and affection to tie men together.

A field of ripening grain looks very beautiful and opulent in the pageantry of a summer sun ; but these nutritious wheat-heads would be of no use if left waving separately each for itself. Only when the hearts of those slender stalks are tied together with golden bands do they give promise of a purpose, and the fulfillment of a mission.

So, congenial men must be joined in heart before they can accomplish much with the intellect. The fraternity system is only a seconding of the motion which Nature made at the start ; only submission to the great law of which the closely-bound sheaf, with its diverging heads, is a symbol.

Another argument in our favor is the secret character of college fraternities. This is often used against us ; but it seems to me one of our strongest recommendations. The safe and intelligent keeping of secrets is a very useful accomplishment. In every department of life it is of great value to know how to keep one's own counsel. Commercial men have been ruined, statesmen have been thwarted, clergymen abused, physicians mistrusted,—people of all classes circumvented and conquered,

because they did not know how to keep a secret. Frankness and openness of character are greatly to be commended, and very noble and grand—in their place; but there are times when good, discreet silence constitutes a whole gold-mine. A fraternity which trains its members to keep their own counsel concerning matters which are strictly their own business, must surely stand godfather to many future life-successes.

Another argument in favor of fraternities is our carefulness in admitting new members. Every candidate's record is searched, his characteristics studied, his actions analyzed, before he is requested to join us. If he does not show any signal to which our minds and hearts can respond, we have no use for him, or he for us. A good college fraternity does much to enable young men to form the right sort of acquaintanceship at the very beginning of life. These pleasant and profitable associations do not cease with the college course, but often continue through manhood and into old age.

But the greatest of all the arguments in favor of fraternities is, that man is made for brotherhood, for affection, for love; and that life is barren and fruitless in their absence. They furnish that without which no life is a success, or even an endurable existence. To be wealthy without loved ones whom you can comfort and aid, is simply to be a miser. To be powerful without the affection of those around you, is simply to become a desolate tyrant. To be famous, is only to be a target and a menagerie, unless you have friends to go with you upon the heights, and rejoice in your successes, and shield you from harm. To be scholarly without the disposition to teach and help others with what you have learned, is simply to be a cold, dry, stupid pedant, of whom the very books that you read seem ashamed.

Fraternities, if rightly conducted, draw a man from self, and teach him to live and to toil for his fellow beings, and that, alone, is an argument which will outweigh all opposition in the scales of any well-balanced mind.

Concerning the choice of fraternity, that is a matter for every student's head and heart to make up between them. Of

course we think ours is the right one, or we should not be here to-day. We feel that the banner which was flung to the breeze a quarter of a century ago from the mountains of Virginia had upon it the symbols and beneath it the spirit which most surely met our needs. That while, amid the smoke and carnage of civil war, it drooped and was for a time nearly obscured, it only needed fair conditions to give it a sure and permanent existence, and a wide and enthusiastic following.

So let us of the First Grand Division feel that we are justified and repaid for any effort we may make in behalf of our Fraternity; and resolve that, joining hands and hearts with our many noble brother-chapters all over the land, we will labor to give Delta Tau Delta a glorious and commanding future.

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#### THE EXEMPLARY S. A.

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THE Constitution scarcely outlines the duties of the S. A. as, according to the growing demands of the fraternity, they have evolved. Only by watching the movements of a successful officer, and by seeking to find in what respects he may be improved upon are we enabled to form a just estimate of the ideal S. A.

What are some of the qualifications of this ideal officer? First and last, he should be a *man*,—never a boy; a prompt, honest, reasonable man. A man with a “long head,” who can not be duped, nor who will dupe others. A man whom you can “hitch to” at all times. He should be brimful of fraternity life and spirit, and not elected to this office that he may acquire these virtues. If possible he should be acquainted, by personal knowledge, with other chapters of the fraternity. He should be able to talk intelligently about all the colleges in which we are represented, their number of students, and relative influence in the educational world. He should have a tolerably accurate knowledge of the different fraternities of the Greek World—not simply of those represented in his own college. He should know their

relative standing and influence. To this end he should be a student of "Baird," until a more just and accurate work on College Fraternities is written.

It is our opinion that the S. A. should be elected at the end of the year previous to his term of office : (1) That he may have time to prepare himself before the duties of his office are cast upon him. (2) That he may be selected, with the retiring incumbent, a delegate to the National Convention. By the way, would it be a poor plan to establish a precedent in the chapter which should always influence to the selection of the new and retiring S. As. for chapter delegates? Surely no one can better represent the chapter than he who has had all the fraternity correspondence of the year in his hands ; and he who is to look after it the coming year will do well to attend the convention and dip his pen in the fountain of fraternity knowledge. But, you are saying, such a custom would put the same man in convention twice, and that would debar other worthy brothers from this great privilege. Exactly so. But the delegate does not attend convention for his personal benefit,—rather that he may represent his chapter well. To do this a man must have attended more than one convention. Only those delegates who have been present at previous conventions are influential.

The S. A.'s duties are three-fold,—to the chapter, to the fraternity, and to THE RAINBOW. He is the chapter's Secretary of State. His is the most important undergraduate office,—the Division Secretaryship excepted. He should be ready with his weekly report at each meeting, and give it when the proper time comes without being called on expressly. He should bring with him all of his official correspondence, and have it open to the inspection of any interested brother. Let him always bear in mind that his letters are his only as he is the chapter's officer. His plans should be spread before the chapter, and as far as possible debated and determined thereby. He should be an encyclopædia of fraternity knowledge, and hold himself ready to dispense it courteously to an enquiring brother. His duty it is to do all in his power to inspire others to become proficient in fraternity study. He is bound to make his chapter stand as

high in the fraternity as he can truthfully. Only most prompt and painstaking action in all matters wherever he represents the chapter will accomplish this end.

Nothing can be more provoking to the general fraternity officers than to be obliged to wait on the chapter secretaries for term reports, for remittances, for answers to communications, etc. It is the S. A.'s duty to the fraternity to be prompt, scrupulously prompt, in all his correspondence. Let him remember that there are thirty-two chapters to be heard from in all matters concerning which he must write, and that a little delay from each will cause a great loss of time in the aggregate. A man should never be suffered to hold this office unless he is willing to sacrifice other engagements, at times, that he may perform his duty to the fraternity. The S. A. should truthfully represent the condition of his chapter in all reports; he should never be reluctant to tell the whole truth, that the fraternity, through the general officers, may know the exact standing of each chapter, and that weak chapters may be helped when deserving fraternity aid. The chapter will be judged much from the conduct of its S. A. A prompt, earnest, judicious officer will reflect a prompt, earnest, judicious chapter.

The S. A.'s services are appreciated most in his relations to **THE RAINBOW**. Primarily the circulation of this excellent journal rests upon the individual chapter secretaries. The Editor, sitting in his office in a distant city, with hands full of business other than that pertaining to **THE RAINBOW**, can do little towards increasing its circulation, except as he improves the tone of the paper. Every S. A. should send in, each year, a list of not less than twenty-five subscribers. Small as this number is, it is a lamentable fact that this number is reached in only a *few* instances. The circulation that would thus be secured would put our **RAINBOW**—where it ought to be—at the head of fraternity publications.

The majority of S. As. don't know how to write chapter letters. Pray, what do we in Michigan care about some football game, society election, or "some brother's dropping in on us" down in Pennsylvania? If the Secretary has nothing better



to write than this, let him not write at all. Give us more Greek World news, more knowledge about the exact status of the chapters, more facts of general interest and importance about the college, more good solid sense,—in short, these chapter letters and the local columns of *THE RAINBOW* will be read with ever increasing interest. There is no particular merit in having a letter in each issue. Four substantial, thoughtful letters are enough for any S. A. to write during his term of office. But each chapter should appear by letter at least four times *per annum*! This fact should be brought home to many negligent Secretaries.

It seems that the Editor of *THE RAINBOW* should find valuable allies among the chapter correspondents in the important matter of procuring literary articles for the magazine. Each number ought to be supplied with three literary articles, largely pertaining to fraternity life and work. Might it not be a good plan to hold each Secretary responsible for an article or two? Knowing the alumni of his chapter, as the S. A. should, he can select members from among them who will write interesting and profitable articles on some phase of fraternity work. The journal in time past has not infrequently been deficient in its literary department. It is possible this plan would have the two-fold effect of building up the fraternity literature and keeping the alumni interested in the fraternity and its organ.

VIN SWARTHOUT (E, '85).

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### OUR EARLY CONVENTIONS.

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*THE* history of our early conventions would no doubt be extremely interesting and instructive, from the fact that, if a complete record of their proceedings could be obtained, they would throw considerable light upon the fraternity's growth and development at the most critical period of its existence, and about which so little is known at this time. It is the purpose of the present writer to place on record an outline history of that

which is known concerning these conventions, with a view of giving the remaining actors in these early events an opportunity of judging in how far our records are incomplete, and, if possible, of enlisting their kind coöperation with a view of supplying at least some of the information which is still needed to trace our early convention development.

In speaking of the early conventions of the fraternity, reference is had especially to those which were held prior to the close of the administration of the Alpha Chapter at the Ohio Wesleyan University, in 1874, and the transfer of the government of the fraternity to the Delta Chapter at Allegheny College. This infused new life and vigor, and new methods into the fraternity. From this time may be dated,—with perhaps more justice than from any other,—the wonderfully rapid and yet comparatively judicious growth of our fraternity. In no respect does this general improvement appear more prominently than in the proceedings of the General Conventions from this time forward. The minutes of the General Convention of 1875, held at Meadville, Pa., on May 5, were printed immediately after the adjournment of the same, and are the first thus permanently preserved. The minutes of the conventions held between 1869 and 1875 had been preserved in manuscript only, a brief synopsis being prepared for the use of the chapters; the records are brief and unsatisfactory, and do not faithfully reflect the true condition of the fraternity at that period. These minutes were printed in 1885 by order of the General Convention of 1884, under the direction of the historian of the fraternity. It is with these, and the inferences to be drawn from a study of them, that the present paper will deal.

It is not known when the first General Convention of the fraternity was held,—probably not for five or six years after the founding of the fraternity on January 1, 1860. The death of the mother chapter at Bethany, in 1861, transferred the seat of authority to the Beta Chapter at Jefferson College, Cannonsburgh, Pa., which, upon the death of the Gamma and Delta Chapters during 1861, remained the sole surviving chapter of the young fraternity. Soon after its accession to its new position,

the Jefferson Chapter placed a Zeta Chapter at Washington College, the Zeta at the Ohio University in the following year, and, in the early spring, the Theta at Allegheny College. It is more than probable, then, that during the first few years of the administration of the Jefferson Alpha no General Conventions in the accepted sense of the term were held ; with the exception of that at the Ohio University, all of the chapters were located in close proximity to one another, and intercourse must have been frequent ; and all necessary business of so small and young a society could readily be accomplished by means of correspondence.

As the fraternity extended its territory, however, the question of holding conventions was undoubtedly discussed. In November, 1864, it had placed its Iota Chapter at the Western University of Pennsylvania ; the Kappa was placed at Poughkeepsie Institute in December, and the Lambda at Monmouth College in November, 1865, while the Mu was established at Waynesburgh College in the same year.

The first General Convention of which we have any knowledge was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., at the Merchant's Hotel, July 3, 1866. Five chapters were represented, namely, those at Jefferson, Allegheny and Monmouth Colleges and at Ohio University and Western University of Pennsylvania. David Nicoll, of Lambda, was President ; Joseph F. Lukens, of Beta, Vice President ; and William M. Boyle, of Alpha, Secretary. Nothing is known concerning the acts of this convention, the above being all that is found in the archives of the Ohio University Chapter concerning it.

It is not known that any conventions were held during 1867 and 1868, though it is quite likely that there were such meetings ; it is, therefore, hoped that all members of the fraternity, and those especially who participated in them, who have any definite information upon the subject, will, in the interests of historic truth, place their recollections on record lest they be lost in the lapse of time.

We now come to the first convention, concerning which the record is comparatively complete. This was held on April 14,

1869, at the McHenry House, Meadville, Pa., under the auspices of the resident chapter. Delegates were present from Alpha, Jefferson College; Beta, Ohio University; Theta, Allegheny College; Iota, Western University of Pennsylvania; Omicron, Ohio Wesleyan University; and Sigma, Hillsdale College. David D. Cheney, of Omicron, was President; William H. Wilson, of Alpha, Vice President; and John L. McMaster, of Beta, Secretary. The Alpha reported that owing to the anti-fraternity tendencies of the authorities of Jefferson College and the difficulties connected with the approaching union of the college with Washington College, which had engendered much bitter feeling between the friends of the two institutions, the chapter had probably seen its best days. The Beta, which was about to graduate its well-known Class of '69, nevertheless had sufficient support to enable it to look with security toward the future, and was then in a most prosperous condition. The Allegheny Chapter, too, as well as the Iota, had reached their highest success. The Sigma reported much hostility on part of the faculty, which was pledged to anti-fraternity legislation, while the Monmouth Chapter reported the same opposition, but seemed nevertheless quite prosperous. The Omicron was, perhaps, the strongest of all the chapters in numbers, influence and general organization, and when later on the delegate from Alpha asked that, for the best interests of the fraternity, his chapter be relieved of the duties of its government, the Ohio Wesleyan Chapter was at once selected as its successor. The convention directed the new Alpha to make a thorough revision of the constitution to better adapt it to the more modern requirements of the times; to proceed with the publication of a general catalogue of the fraternity, authorizing the Alpha to levy the necessary assessment for the same; it further provided for a general change in the nomenclature of chapters, owing to the transfer of Omicron to the position of the Alpha, and the union of the Jefferson Chapter with the Washington Chapter, under the name of Zeta, rendered necessary by the consolidation of the colleges.

The next General Convention was held at the Wedell House, Cleveland, O., on Wednesday and Thursday, March 30 and 31,

1870 ;—Alpha, Ohio Wesleyan University ; Beta, Ohio University ; Delta, Allegheny College ; and Theta, Bethany College, alone were represented. William Eversole, of Beta, was President ; and Wilson M. Day, of Alpha, Secretary. The reports of all of the chapters represented showed evidences of great prosperity and promise, if numbers can be adjudged any criterion of success ; their membership was large compared with our modern idea, but a brief inspection of the records made since by the then active members indicates clearly that the membership standards at that time must have been exceptionally high. The special order of the convention seems to have been the consideration of the revised Constitution, prepared by the Alpha ; the Hillsdale Chapter, although not represented, proposed in addition a number of changes, and the whole subject was carefully discussed. An attempt to make the conventions biennial, instead of annual, was promptly voted down. The Alpha reported its inability to make substantial progress in the matter of the catalogue, authorized at the previous convention, owing to the negligence of many of the chapters in complying with its requests.

The General Convention of 1871 assembled at the Neil House, Columbus, O., on Wednesday, May 3 ; Alpha, Ohio Wesleyan University ; Beta, Ohio University ; Gamma, Washington and Jefferson College ; Delta, Allegheny College ; Kappa, Hillsdale College ; and Omicron, Indiana Asbury University, were the chapters represented at this convention. William D. Lash, of Beta, was President ; and James E. Silliman, of Delta, was Secretary. The chapter reports all showed prosperous organizations, and the General Secretary reported most of the other chapters in good condition. The withdrawal of the charter from the Western University of Pennsylvania was, however, ordered. The Alpha reported the successful completion and publication of the first General Catalogue of the fraternity. This convention provided for the creation of an extension fund of the fraternity for use in founding new chapters ; it further decided to institute public literary exercises at the next convention, consisting essentially of an oration and a poem, and it selected

Athens, O., as the place for the convention, with the arrangements in the hands of the resident chapter.

For reasons which do not clearly appear the next General Convention did not, however, meet at Athens, O., but convened on Wednesday and Thursday, May 15 and 16, 1872, at Bloomington, Ind., under the auspices of the newly established Nu Chapter at the State University. The following chapters were regularly represented, viz.: Alpha, Ohio Wesleyan University; Gamma, Washington and Jefferson College; Delta, Allegheny College; Omicron, Indiana Asbury University; Phi, Hanover College; Theta, Bethany College; and Nu, Indiana State University. John N. Hunt, of Delta, was the President, and M. M. Kugler, of Alpha, Secretary of this convention. The Alpha announced that the new Constitution had been duly ratified by vote of the individual chapters. It was decided to publish a new edition of the General Catalogue of the fraternity, embodying in it all features current in the fraternity literature of the day. No less than fourteen colleges and universities were designated as eligible directions for extension, the task of managing the interests of the fraternity at these several institutions being assigned to individual chapters. Of these only Lafayette and Buchtel Colleges and the University of Wooster have since been added to our chapter roll; of those remaining only two would to-day be regarded as desirable points for extension, and thus it is fortunate that these plans were not more generally carried out. That this was due to good fortune rather than to foresight, need hardly be said here, as the extension policy of the fraternity in those days was not always characterized by sound wisdom and good judgment. The Alpha was instructed to publish, on the first of January of every year, a report of the fraternity's condition as gathered from the term reports. The convention authorized a change in the badge, providing for a wider gold border, which greatly improved its appearance. From the chapter reports it appears that all of the chapters represented in convention were prosperous at this time.

In 1873, we find the fraternity in General Convention on Wednesday and Thursday, May 21 and 22, at Akron, Ohio,

under the auspices of the resident chapter, which had been established during February. Representatives were present from Alpha, Ohio Wesleyan University; Beta, Ohio University; Gamma, Washington and Jefferson College; Delta, Allegheny College; Theta, Bethany College; Iota, Michigan State College; Phi, Hanover College; and Eta, Buchtel College. Levi G. Linn, of Gamma, acted as President, and Milton Clark, of Alpha, as Secretary of the convention, whose sessions were held in Temperance Hall, which the courtesy of the Good Templars had placed at its disposal. It was very largely attended, and was successfully managed in every detail, owing to a great extent to the interest of Wilson M. Day, of Beta, then Associate Editor of the *Akron Daily Beacon*, and now President of the fraternity. It adopted a new and very distinctive form of badge, known throughout the fraternity as the "Star Badge," designed by Benjamin F. Dimmick, who was General Secretary of the fraternity at the time. It further authorized the collection of an annual tax from all alumni of the fraternity, an instruction which was carried out, however, only to a small extent. It appointed the Kappa Chapter a committee to report to the next convention all needed legislation which would better adapt the Constitution and By-Laws to the wants of the now rapidly growing society. This was the first convention at which the contemplated literary exercises were successfully carried out. Rev. M. C. Briggs, of Alpha, delivered the oration, and Will Carleton, of Kappa, read a poem entitled "Rifts in the Clouds." The exercises were held in the M. E. Church of Akron before a large and appreciative audience.

The next General Convention met on Wednesday and Thursday, May 6 and 7, 1874, at Pittsburgh, Pa., the sessions being held in G. A. R. Hall. George I. Wright, of Delta, presided. There is, strange to say, no record in the proceedings of the chapters which were represented at this convention. The Kappa rendered its report on the constitutional revision, which had been carefully considered; what was known as the "Kappa Constitution," and which served the purposes of the fraternity with very slight change for some years, was thus adopted. It provided,

among other changes of importance, for the division of the fraternity into four Grand Divisions, each presided over by a Grand Chapter; this suggestion was due to B. F. Dimmick, the General Secretary, who found the duties of his office too arduous and exacting, and proposed this arrangement for subdividing the work of managing the many interests of the fraternity with better results. The convention appointed the following Grand Chapters: First Division, Delta at Allegheny; Second, Theta at Bethany; Third, Kappa at Hillsdale; and Fourth, Lambda at Lombard; the geographical limits were made essentially those which until quite recently defined the territory of the several divisions. The Constitution was duly ordered printed. The convention discussed fully the subject of publishing a journal in the interests of the fraternity, and the matter was referred to Alpha and the several Grand Chapters for action. The convention poem was read by Rev. Jesse Van Law, of Beta; it does not appear that a copy has been preserved, even the title being unknown, and this is the more to be regretted because all of Rev. Van Law's contributions to the literature of the fraternity were of an exceptionally high order. The oration of Hon. Thomas F. Wildes, of Beta, has likewise not been preserved, so far as we are aware, and it is much to be desired that anything which may be known concerning the literary exercises of this convention shall be placed on record at once.

This brings us to the close of the convention series which was to form the subject of the present paper, as outlined above, and it is hoped that we have succeeded in clearly bringing out the salient points of this portion of our history.

A. P. TRAUTWEIN.



### THE LOUISVILLE CONVENTION.

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IN accordance with the announcement made in the last RAINBOW, the Convention of 1886 will convene at Louisville on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 25, 26 and 27. The resident alumni, under the intelligent and skillful direction of Brother W. W. Lowry (Chi) have made all the necessary arrangements, with a thoughtfulness and completeness that has left nothing undone for the comfort, pleasure and gratification of the visiting Delta Taus. In this unavoidably brief announcement we can only mention the salient features, and make merely a bare mention of the social pleasures awaiting the delegates in a city celebrated for its whole-souled hospitality and generosity. Suffice it to say that the freedom of the city will be given the boys, and that every effort will be exerted for their entertainment.

The headquarters of the Convention will be at the Galt House, one of the most celebrated hotels in the country, and one around which cluster many memories and associations of the late war. This, of itself, cannot fail to lend a charm and interest to the visitor. In the character of its service the hotel ranks with the best. The usual rates are \$4 per day, but provided fifty Deltas are in attendance a special rate of \$2.50 per day has been offered by the proprietors. The hotel parlors are large, accommodating an audience of over a hundred, and will be very convenient for the business sessions of the Convention. The necessity for meeting in an outside hall, which proved so annoying and inconvenient at Detroit, will be avoided.

The railroad facilities of Louisville are unexcelled, thus making the city accessible to the fraternity in every section of the country. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad taps all the important cities of the South, as Nashville, Atlanta, Chattanooga, Memphis and New Orleans. The Chesapeake & Ohio and the Cincinnati Short Line make direct connection with all the great Eastern trunk lines. The Louisville & Indianapolis branch of the Pennsylvania system, and the "Monon" route

from Chicago make the city easily accessible from Indiana, Michigan and all the Northwestern States. The other roads are the Ohio & Mississippi and the St. Louis Air Line. On all these routes reduced rates will be obtained that will equal not much more than one-half the usual fare. The reduced rate certificate can be obtained of Bro. W. W. Lowry, New Albany, Ind. The trains from the South arrive at Tenth and Broadway streets, a street-car line connecting the depot with the Galt House. The trains from the North and West arrive at the Bridge Depot, Fourteenth and Main streets, with street cars direct to the hotel. The Eastern trains arrive at First Street Depot, directly in the rear of the hotel. Committees of reception will be at hand who will look after the comfort of the visiting brethren, and see that all are landed safely within the hospitable doors of the Galt House.

The Great Southern Exposition will be open during the Convention. This exposition is worthy a visit, being the finest in the South, and excelling nearly all in the North in the size of the building and the number and beauty of the exhibits. The lovers of manly sports will be pleased to know that the famous Louisville Base Ball Club will hold forth on the home grounds during the Convention. Unfortunately the Convention will assemble too early for the fall races, but it is quite probable that several private races will be arranged for the edification of those who love the horse. If the depth of the water permits, a trip over the falls of the Ohio will be arranged. Among the many objects of interest in and about the city we may mention the Big Bridge connecting Louisville and Jeffersonville, Ind., having twenty-seven arches, and being over a mile long. The great cantilever bridge between Louisville and New Albany, Ind.; Cave Hill Cemetery, the Masonic Home, the *Courier-Journal* building, the Artesian Well and others "too numerous to mention."

But, as a matter of course, over and above all these local attractions, the main feature of this and of all conventions, is the pleasure afforded by meeting and mingling with the members of "our good old Delta Tau." We have every reason to suppose that an unusually large number will be present, among

these a delegation from the Rainbow Chapters, which, in numbers and enthusiasm, will be exceeded by none. Many of the chapters have already chosen delegates, and the Convention, in ability and character, will be strong and effective, as the purpose has evidently been to choose the ablest and most representative men. Every indication points to a glorious meeting of the allied hosts of Delta Tau.

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### INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT OUR PRIMARY POLICY.

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As THE time for the Annual Convention draws near, when plans and policies for future guidance of the fraternity will be elaborated, the writer desires to call attention to what to him seems a singular omission in our fraternity policy, *i. e.*, the absence of any provision calculated to enable the general fraternity organization to assist in the upbuilding and strengthening of chapters once chartered and on the fraternity roll. It seems that at present the only points where the central authority of the fraternity comes into contact with the chapter organizations are the chartering of new chapters and the disciplining of the older ones. An eligible and promising location for a new chapter is pointed out; earnest efforts are at once made to place the charter. Sometimes these efforts go so far as the providing and furnishing of a chapter hall for the new comer. Again, an enrolled chapter becomes remiss in its duties to the fraternity; is charged with neglect and disregard of fraternity obligations; the college in which it is located becomes of inferior grade,—ready and sure is the authority of the fraternity to discipline, and even kill. But let a chapter become weak in numbers, so that its ability to cope with stronger rivals diminishes, its necessary expenses a burden, its want of a chapter hall much felt, but too expensive for its membership to provide,—where now is the hand of the central authority of the fraternity. Strong enough it is to create and kill, but powerless to nourish. That chapter is left alone to pull its own way through. If, after some years of constant effort on the part of individuals, it finally comes out from under the cloud

and discovers itself a bright star, it is applauded. If it, on the other hand, dies,—“well, it couldn’t be helped!”—there’s a little weeping, which soon gives place to the greeting of a new birth in a more promising field, brought about by the strong and efficient hand of the central authority.

The practical result of all this is that the fraternity is silently undergoing constant revolutions. The enrolled chapter list of one decade is not that of the next decade. The alumni of one period, in another look in vain for their whilome “grand old Delta Tau.” A new creature has grown upon its ruins. Let us look to the evidence of this. Delta Tau Delta dates her existence from 1859, yet, of the twenty-nine chapters now on the rolls, not counting the new Rainbow Chapters, but six existed prior to 1871; eight chapters had lived and died before that date. From 1874 to 1881 eighteen new chapters were chartered and eight died. From 1881 to and including 1886, ten new chapters have been added and five subtracted. In fact, one-third of our present chapters date from only 1881. This picture reminds one of the old story of the jackknife.

Now, it must be admitted that the subtraction of many of the chapters above counted as lost was in reality a gain, and that good judgment has been exercised in locating many of the additions, so that both processes, the falling off of old and setting up of new, instead of operating by way of set-off, have worked a double gain. Therefore, the radical changes above pointed out were not an appalling evil. But it is also true that in many of the cases included in the above computation the falling off of the chapter was a real loss, and with a proper system of aid and encouragement on the part of the fraternity organization might have been prevented.

It seems to the writer that at this time the fraternity can afford to turn its energies away from extension and direct them to the strengthening of the present fabric, the placing of the chapter upon a lasting and durable foundation,—as far as any are in need of it,—and this once fully attained to hold them, by the operation of such a system, in the fraternity polity, yet to be devised, which, while not diminishing in the least the respon-

sibility of every chapter for its own welfare, will enable the general fraternity to exert a strong influence in the chapters' protection and maintenance.

The fraternity can afford this change in its policy, for it is to-day represented in a most creditable list of institutions, and the standing of the fraternity does not require more. It is not pretended there be even a temporary abandonment of the chartering of new chapters; but that extension should be secondary; internal development primary.

Not only can the fraternity afford the change, but its welfare demands it. The fraternity to-day is represented in colleges which are worthy of the hard work once required to gain the foothold, and whose loss would deal a serious blow to the general standing of Delta Tau. Yet it is well known that there are chapters located in such colleges, which have but a precarious existence, and any day that "unhappy coincidence of unhappy circumstances" may arise which will cut them off. The chapters referred to can be named; it is not necessary that they should be. To observers they are well known.

The writer is aware that this subject has already engaged somewhat the attention of the leading workers in the fraternity, and that some efforts have been made to provide a corrective. Indeed, the raising of a fund for the purpose from the alumni has been tried, with what result is not yet known. But in the absence of a regular system, fixed into the Constitution and Laws of the fraternity,—including, possibly, the use of the current revenues of the fraternity instead of using them in extension,—other expedients will fall short. As matters are now, the alumni are more apt to feel that what they have to give in the way of a fund for the benefit of chapters, they would rather give directly to their own respective chapters. Let a systematic plan be once adopted, so that the prosperity of the chapters will not depend exclusively on individual efforts, and alumni who think in that way will feel that their chapters can afford the change from the present habits, which, though direct, are individual and uncertain, to indirect methods, which shall be certain, regular and systematic.

ORRIN SEEFASS.

### RAINBOW DIVISION CONFERENCE.

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THE first conference of the Rainbow Division was held at Sewanee, June 12, under the auspices of Beta Theta Chapter. The business session was held in the chapter house of Beta Theta Chapter, which has been placed at the disposal of the conference. On account of the inopportune time at which the conference had been called (just in the midst of examinations) and the inadequate notice which had been given, only two chapters were represented, the Lambda of Vanderbilt, and the Beta Theta. An informal meeting was held in the morning before all of the delegates arrived and several questions which were to be brought up in the regular meeting were discussed. In the afternoon the conference adjourned to witness a base-ball game between the Vanderbilt and Sewanee teams. The meeting was called to order in the evening by Bro. J. M. Kyle, *A*, and Bro. F. H. Miller, *B Θ*, was appointed secretary. A letter was then read from Bro. Plummer, sending his greetings to the new division, and suggesting some lines of work, which might be adopted. The matter of extension was discussed at length by Bro. Kyle and Clinton, *A*, and Dashiell and Wright, *B Θ*. The date of the next conference was fixed at the second Friday in May, 1887, and the place selected was Chattanooga, Tenn.

The subject of chapter letters was brought up and the conference earnestly recommended that each S. A. should send in his chapter letter regularly every month, and also that every member of every chapter be expected to subscribe for THE RAINBOW. A note of thanks was also tendered to Bro. Plummer for the interest he had shown in the management of THE RAINBOW, and in the organization of the Conference. After the regular business had been transacted, addresses of welcome were made to the visiting brothers by Bros. Tucker and Dashiell, which were happily responded to by Bros. Kyle, Clinton and Galbreath. Every one seemed to be in a good humor, and it was decided that socially, at least, the conference had been a success.

In point of attendance it was not a brilliant success ; but we ask the Fraternity to remember that this is the organizing attempt of a new Division, and that next year a strenuous effort will be made to get to work in dead earnest, in order that the principles of  $\Delta T \Delta$  may be thoroughly instilled into all the southern chapters, and that the Purple and Gray may yet float as triumphantly South as it does North.

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## Alumni Associations.

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### THE MICHIGAN ALUMNI.

THE regular meeting of Deltas who are resorting in Northern Michigan will be held this year on Thursday, July 29, that being the most favorable time, in the opinion of the officers. The place will be fixed upon later. There are many items of business to be discussed and acted upon, and a large attendance is desired ; any Delta present being privileged to vote upon all matters presented. The scheme for the Delta home near Petoskey will be discussed, and an organization formed for pushing the matter to a successful termination. A business meeting will be held in the afternoon, followed by the usual banquet in the evening. All who were present last year will be there, of course, and we feel sure the whole fraternity would come could they realize the jolly times we have. Let everyone be on hand who can, and still go to Louisville in August, but every Michigan Delta should meet with us at Petoskey. Any inquiries will receive prompt attention if addressed to E. J. Ware, Grand Rapids, Mich., before July 17, and after that to Bay View until August 2. E. J. W.

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### THE NEW YORK ALUMNI.

THE New York Alumni Association met for its last social reunion of the present season on Saturday, June 12, at six o'clock P. M., at D'Orville's, Mills' Building, New York. Rev. L. A. Crandall, K, '73, President of the Association, presided, and the following members were present : Andrew Bryson, K, '67 ; Will Carleton, K, '69 ; A. H. Roudebush, A, '70 ; William Kent, P, '76 ; A. P. Trautwein, P, '76 ;

A. G. Brinckerhoff, *P*, '77; W. I. Cooper, *P*, '77; L. H. Nash, *P*, '77; F. E. Idell, *P*, '77; L. J. Brück, *P*, '78; also Dr. A. E. Osborne, *T*, '73, and John A. Bense, *P*, '84.

Letters of regret at their inability to be present were read from Hon. A. J. Hopkins, M. C., *K*, '70; W. W. Van Voorhis, *K*, '67; M. J. Martinez, *P*, '82; H. W. Collingwood, *I*, '83.

The by-laws of the Association were amended so as to permit of the election of non-resident members without formal letter ballot, when such candidates are members of non-existing or inactive chapters, or are resident beyond a distance of fifty miles from New York City.

In accordance with this rule, the following were elected: Dr. A. Edgar Osborne, *T*, '73, Media, Pa., and William Griffith, C. E., *II*, '76, Pittston, Pa. The Secretary announced the election to membership, as the result of the last letter ballot, of the following gentlemen: William I. Cooper, *P*, '77, and Manuel J. Martinez, *P*, '82.

By previous announcement, the subject of the after-dinner talk was "The Relations of the Railroads to the Government." The discussion, though entirely informal in its character, became extremely interesting and instructive from the fact that it elicited the expression of opinion from nearly all of the members present.

The meeting was, beyond doubt, the most enjoyable and successful which the Association has thus far held, from the fact that the members have already become well acquainted with one another, and have fully entered into the spirit which should govern such an association. It proved conclusively that the Association has adopted the proper methods which will ensure permanent success.

The Association will have its next regular meeting on Saturday, October 2, 1886. The following topics have been agreed upon as the basis for the "after-dinner talk." "Alumni Representation in the Governing Boards of Colleges," and "The Position of the Classics in the College Curriculum." The announcement of the place of meeting will be made in due time.



## Editorial.

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### THE UNION.

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THE union of  $\Delta T \Delta$  and Rainbow ranks with the most splendid achievements of the fraternity, and marks a decisive epoch in her history. While the inspiration of success is felt in every chapter, its full force is apparent in the South, where our few and scattered battalions have been firmly welded into a strong, aggressive, confident, self-reliant phalanx. Not only have the fruits garnered in the past been secured, but the fraternity prepared for the conquest of other time-honored Southern institutions as rapidly as wisdom and prudence shall dictate. Among those who contributed their efforts to establish this auspicious condition of affairs none are more worthy of praise than chapter Beta Theta. To her is due the honor of originating the scheme, and through all the proceedings her intelligent enthusiasm and unselfish devotion were clearly and admirably demonstrated. To a very large extent the union is owing to the earnestness, skill and sagacity of Bro. W. W. Cook, who was chairman of the original committee, and into whose sole hands the Detroit Convention entrusted the matter. Certainly his ceaseless energy, untiring persistence and unwavering faith at a time when the obstacles seemed unconquerable were controlling influences in the tide that led to final success. Of the Rainbows, the cordial sympathy and zealous co-operation of Bros. Phillips, Kile and Cain were elements of inestimable value in securing the ratification of the terms. As time passes the history of the union will become of absorbing interest, and fortunate will be Delta Tau if she obtain an annalist who will write the story in detail, while the events are yet fresh and unfaded, and deposit the document among the official records of the fraternity.

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### THE CONVENTION.

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As WILL be noticed in the preceding pages, the Convention of 1886 will assemble at the Galt House, Louisville, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 25, 26 and 27. The arrangements have been made-

with a thoughtfulness and thoroughness that leaves nothing to be desired. The railway facilities are ample, and over nearly every road reduced fares will be obtainable. Of the city, we can say that it is handsome ; its men gallant and hospitable ; the women, beautiful and charming. This in itself should be sufficient to attract every Delt in the land ; but let us add that Louisville boasts of an Exposition that is unexcelled, horses that are superb, a base-ball club that is great, and a hotel that is famous as the tarrying place of men who have imperishably blazoned their names on the scroll of fame, and whose greatness and glory have become our common heritage. But all these attractions would be insignificant, worse than a barren ideality, did we not remember that hosts of Deltas will be there to grip your hand with a vigor and earnestness that will readily convince you he is glad to see you. The attendance will undoubtedly be very large, and from the names of delegates sent us the official members will be men of large experience, of practical knowledge of general and local fraternity matters, and ably equipped for the duties awaiting them. As foreshadowed in our last issue, the usual literary exercises will not be a feature of the meeting, but the banquet, which at the 1884 and 1885 Conventions was dispensed with, will be celebrated in good, old-fashioned Delta style. The salient feature of the Convention will be calm but vigorous efforts to settle the many important matters which have accrued during the past year. The advice and encouragement of the older members of the fraternity will be of great influence ; it is, therefore, sincerely to be hoped that a large number of "silver-greys" will be present at this Convention, which promises to be of marked influence upon the onward and upward movements of  $\Delta T \Delta$ . Let every Delta Tau unite their efforts to make the Louisville Convention the most memorable in all our annals.

## Chapter Letters.

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### Theta—Bethany.

THE work of the past session has been most satisfactory ; the students have been, as a rule, of the best type, and the faculty all that could be desired. The prospects for the coming year are very gratifying. The same Professors will remain, and some new ones will be added. The efforts to increase the endowment of the college have been quite successful, owing to the efficient work of Prof. W. H. Woolery in the field, and a general feeling of confidence is manifested among the students and friends of Bethany College. Bro. Muckley has accepted a call to preach for a church at Cincinnati. We received recently a very pleasant call from Bro. W. G. Garvey, of Hopedale, Ohio, also one from Bro. H. K. Pendleton, of Pittsburg. Both are looking well. We are glad to learn that Bro. Phil Pendleton, who was compelled to leave his editorial duties in Cincinnati by reason of ill health, and has been spending the winter in Florida, is much better, and will shortly visit us. We expect several of our boys back at Commencement, and shall be glad to have *any* fraters come and see us.

### Alpha—Allegheny.

THE year has closed for Alpha and the college. We opened with one man and close with ten. We fought three strong fraternities, and came out victorious. Alpha's future is assured ; we will open in the fall with eight or ten men—Freshmen and Sophomores—and look forward to a year of success and pleasure.

The events of Commencement week for us were our Wednesday afternoon reception at our rooms, where, assisted by our lady friends, all the city, college and visiting society were entertained ; and our annual banquet. Enthusiasm was at its height at the banquet,—the best one held in years. Shilling, Earnest and Frank Koester, L. L. Davis, Coll White, Jim Stewart, Doc Stewart, Enix Baldwin, Ned Locke, Dr. Nodine, and all the city alumni were present.

At the meeting of the Board of Control the faculty of the college was changed considerably. Professors of Physics and Chemistry, Tingley ; Greek Language and Literature, Reid ; and Latin Language

and Literature, Haskin ; being superseded by Professors Montgomery, Luccock and Williams. Professor Thatcher, of Cornell, was elected to preside over the Department of Civil Engineers ; and Mrs. Emma Wheeler, of Chicago, was elected an instructress. Arrangements were made to add a musical conservatory, and also to associate the commercial college of the city with Preparatory Department.

### Beta Theta—University of the South.

SINCE my last letter I have one more new frater to introduce to the Delta brotherhood—Bro. Charles C. Baldwin, of Florida. We judged him worthy to become a Delta, and believe that he will justify our trust. Bro. L. D. Weiss, we regret to say, was called home recently by the death of his father, but we hope to see him back again next term, as he is one of the best men we have.

Sewanee came out victorious in the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest for Tennessee, the fortunate winner of the medal being Mr. W. A. Guerry, *ΣΑΕ*. We feel very proud of our success, since this makes three out of four times that Sewanee has walked off with the prize. We were not so successful, however, in the base-ball game which we played then with Vanderbilt, for we were most miserably "done up," but we had our revenge when Vanderbilt played us on our grounds, and we paid them back in their own coin. The University continues to prosper. Besides the gymnasium, which I spoke of in my last letter, the corner-stone of which was laid June 23, seven thousand dollars have been donated recently for the purpose of building a handsome stone bell-tower connected with the gymnasium. The edifice when finished will be perhaps the prettiest we have.

Bros. Hale and Riddel ('85) were ordained to the priesthood on the 19th of June, by the Bishop of Tennessee, the ordination service being one of the prettiest ever seen up here. Bros. Hale and Riddel have been at work during the past year at different places in Tennessee, and have won quite a good reputation.

We are beginning to reap our honors already. The medal for the last old member in the Sigma Epsilon (Literary) Society was awarded to a Delta on the occasion of their last anniversary, when the orator and essayist for the evening were also Deltas. We are having our hall frescoed now in beautiful designs. It will be a little gem when we get it finished. We shall interrupt the work in a night or two from the

time this letter is written for our annual banquet, on the anniversary of our birth as a chapter into the dear old Delta Tau.

We were very much gratified to have the opportunity of entertaining the First Division Conference of the Rainbow Division under our roof. Although it was poor in numbers, it was rich in enthusiasm, and went to work with an earnestness and a zest that is sure to accomplish wonders. It has already infused new life into us, and we predict that the Grand Chapter Lambda will make a tip-top division of us if she infuses all the chapters with the spirit which she herself has. Bros. Kyle, Clinton, Galbreath, and Vaughn were here from Lambda, and Bro. Galbreath stayed with us two or three days.

#### Kappa—Hillsdale.

IRVING HECKMAN, now a drug dispenser at Kirkland, Ill., spent a few days with us during anniversary week. Bro. Crain was called to Indiana three weeks before the close of school to attend the funeral of his brother. Bro. Coldren was on the sick list six weeks, but was able to take up his studies again near the close of the term. S. S. Avery delivered his popular lecture, entitled "Fiction ; its Fascinating Power," to an appreciative audience in the college chapel the latter part of May. Success to him in his new field. Bro. L. E. Dow delivered the oration on Decoration Day at Teconsha, Mich. He will return next year to graduate with the Class of '87, after an absence of two years. He will also represent us at Louisville next August. H. A. Parker and C. E. Root took advantage of the recent cheap rates to California, and now are basking in the sunshine at Los Angeles. They report a splendid time, but say nothing about their return. Our annual picnic to Bawbeese Lake occurred the 14th of June. Fifteen Deltas and their ladies were present, and a general good time was enjoyed. A picnic by the  $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$ 's was held at the same place one week previous. At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, Rev. Francis L. Hayes, formerly professor in Greek here, was elected to permanently fill the presidential chair, temporarily occupied by Prof. Dunn for the last year. His acceptance of the nomination has not yet been received, but should he decide to accept, without doubt a new era in the college prosperity would begin, as he is young, talented, and energetic. At the same meeting leave of absence for one year was granted to both Prof. Haynes and Prof. Fisk to recuperate their health. Through the efforts

of the Class of '86 a very beautiful fountain has been erected on the front campus. We take pleasure in introducing to the Delta world our latest: U. G. B. Pierce, Providence, R. I.; Z. A. Crain, Angola, Ind.; and W. J. Leverett, Sioux Falls, Dakota.

### Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

COMMENCEMENT exercises will be held at the Ohio Wesleyan University on June 17. Out of a class of forty-six, seven boys and five girls have been selected by the faculty to deliver orations. This is the smallest class the college has graduated for several years, but it will be remembered that this class suffered the loss of eight men this year on account of the "Fred Warde" affair. Prof. J. H. Grove, in his energetic efforts to raise the standard of the Preparatory Department of this school, has instituted an annual exhibition of this department, at which he expects to "graduate" deserving Preps to college rank. Fifteen speakers have been chosen for the first of these annuals, which is to be held on Saturday night of commencement week. Through the efforts of Prof. Grove, the standard of scholarship in this college has been greatly raised during the past few years.

Bro. R. H. Olmsted, of Phi, recently spent a very pleasant week in Delaware. The Mu boys found him a congenial frater, and were sorry to have him leave. Bros. Ebreth and Reid, of Chi, came over near the middle of the term to play with the Kenyon "nine" against the O. W. U. boys. The game resulted in favor of the O. W. U. boys.

The *Bijou*, which was to have been published by the Junior Class this year, will not now be published. When everything was ready for the printer and the engraver, some Sophomores, probably assisted by a few treacherous Juniors, stole nearly all the matter, so that its publication was made an impossibility. The fraternities here will probably publish one next year. We regret to say to other chapters, that we will now be unable to exchange with them for their college annuals.

On the evening of May 26 the members of Chapter Mu were given a reception by Mrs. Philip Phillips at her elegant home in Delaware. Besides our active men, there were also present, Bros. C. F. English, '84; R. H. Olmsted, Chi; H. C. Baker, formerly of '87; and Mr. Brooks Shell,—making in all twenty two gentlemen. Each one was provided with a lady, and it can be safely said, that twenty-two couples never spent an evening more pleasantly. After an elegant supper had

been eaten, the evening was made joyful with music, the singing of college and fraternity songs, and in social chat. Mr. Philip Phillips, the renowned singer, was unavoidably absent on his tour of lectures. Bros. Horace A. Stokes and C. W. Evans, our old and new G. S. A., are our delegates to the next Convention at Louisville. All communications to Bro. Stokes after June 17, should be sent to his address at Dayton, Ohio; and those to our S. A., to Cuba, Ohio.

The closing college year has been a very successful one to Chapter Mu. Beginning the year with ten men, we now number eighteen, and lead the fraternities of the O. W. U. in point of numbers. Without boasting, we can say that our boys have received their share of college honors. Besides having a representative on each of the Annual Literary Publics and the Oratorical Contest, Bro. Durbin has been editor-in-chief of the *Transcript*, and Bros. Arnold and Bauker, local and exchange editors, respectively; while Bro. Stokes and F. M. Austin have been elected on next year's *Transcript* corps. This year we lose six Seniors; but a dozen other valiant Deltas are left to float the purple and gray, and you will hear from them next year through our new and efficient S. A., F. H. Junkin.

#### Psi—Wooster.

THE Sixteenth Annual Commencement of the University of Wooster has passed. In these years 421 alumni have been enrolled. Of these, 150 have given themselves to the Gospel ministry; 72 to law; 66 are teachers, 21 of whom fill collegiate positions; 37 are in business; 19 in medicine; 10 in journalism; 7 in farming; and 3 are civil engineers. The total enrollment for the years of 1885 and 1886 was 623, a gain of 55 over the years 1884 and 1885. The school was never in a more prosperous condition. Those taking the Post-graduate course number 70, among whom we find: Rev. John M. Davis, B, '73; Rev. L. M. Gilleland, I, '68; Rev. Theodore Crowl, I, '68; A. C. Miller, C. E., I, '82. The graduating class numbers 38; 29 collegiate and 9 musical. Of the former, 19 are members of fraternities. None of the chapters initiate purely musical students. There were nine Honor men in the class. The first, eighth and ninth are members of  $\Sigma X$ ; the second, fourth, and sixth of  $\Delta T \Delta$ ; the fifth of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ; the other two non-fraternity. This record is a good and conclusive argument against the oft-repeated assertion of the barb: "The best men do not belong to fraternities."

The past year has been a prosperous one for Psi. We have had two initiations, and affiliated W. M. Grafton and W. T. Bushman, both of old Σ. They are good men and strong workers. Bro. W. S. Rockey stopped out the first term, and has been studying privately preparatory to entering the School of Pharmacy at Ann Arbor. In the Declamation Contest, Inter-Society Contests, both Collegiate and Preparatory, we have come out on top of the other fraternities. Of the five Δ Ts who graduated in '86, four will enter the ministry, and one, Bro. Shallenberger, law. The chapter will begin next year with twelve men.

#### Eta—Buchtel.

SATURDAY night, June 12, our number was increased by the addition of Arthur J. Rowley. After the initiatory service, which was finely carried out, we had a spread of strawberries and cake, ice cream and lemonade. We had a very enjoyable evening, and felt sorry that several of our alumni could not have been present. Before the end of the term we are to paper our hall in fine style, when, we think, we shall be able to ask anyone to visit our hall, and fear no constraint of conscience lest he speak of the elegance of our furniture and the bad condition of the walls. We shall then have truly an elegant place in which to meet. Our Commencement occurs the 24th inst., but during the whole week there are to be many attractions. We are in hopes of being able to entertain several alumni Deltas, for we know of several who are coming. Chapter Eta is always glad to be visited by any Delta who may wish to know her hospitality.

#### Beta Delta—University of Georgia.

SINCE our last letter everything has been very quiet with us. The Senior Class have finished their year's work. It is an unusually large class, and displays a considerable amount of talent. Beta Delta is represented in the class by six men. The Senior speakers have not been appointed yet, but we have good reason to believe that our representatives in the class will receive a good share of them. The University is in a very flourishing condition, and the attendance next year will be larger than usual. The Chair of Natural History, which has been vacant for two years, will be filled at the next meeting of the Trustees. Only four old men will return next term. Their energetic character, however, gives us sufficient assurance that they will not allow the chapter to fall below her former high standard by reason of



small numbers. The stand which our men have made in the college classes this year is highly creditable to themselves and to the chapter. The alumni of our chapter are all prospering. Of last year's class, Bros. Wilcoxon, Holden and Gross are practicing law; Bro. Cloud is a civil engineer; Bro. Kitchens is teaching, and Bro. Burdette is studying medicine.

#### Chi—Kenyon.

COMMENCEMENT, occurring on June 24, closed the last term of the collegiate year. Considerable of an attendance was present at the exercises. The graduating class consisted of six men. There are thirteen in the incoming Senior Class. On Monday evening, the 21st, Bro. Reid delivered before a large audience, at Rosse Hall, one of the Kenyon Day orations. His theme was "Our Nation." He did great honor to himself and to the fraternity of which he is a member. Three alumni Deltas paid a visit to their Alma Mater, one of whom, Bro. Child, of Hamilton, Canada, had conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. Our other two visitors were Bros. Harris and Franks, both of whom are attorneys-at-law, the former practicing at Sullivan, Ind., the latter at Cincinnati, Ohio. Bro. Franks is gaining quite a reputation in the criminal courts of the city. Bro. Herrlinger, having lately returned from Iowa, is now located at Cincinnati, where he is dealing out legal technicalities to his clients. Bro. Stotensburg, lately admitted to the bar, is now practicing law at his home in New Albany, Ind. Our chapter is at present upon a firm foundation, and we are looking forward to a prosperous future. We fondly hope that our efforts have not been in vain,—that our struggle has given us strength,—and that we may ever go on increasing in numbers for the advancement of Deltaism.

#### Beta Beta—De Pauw.

BETA BETA began the college year with seven members, and during the first term we added four to our number, two of whom left college during the year. Bros. Ira B. Blackstock, B.S., James E. McDaniel, B.A., and Frank D. Wimmer, B.Ph., graduated with the Class of 1886, and we shall begin the next college year with seven members, including a fine young man, a recent graduate of the high school of a neighboring city, who recently passed his examinations for entrance into the Freshman class, and who has pledged himself to  $\Delta T \Delta$ . Bro. Wimmer received a diploma as Captain in the Military

School. Bro. Caylor won the W. T. C. U. Prize Essay in the Preparatory School. During the last term, Bro. Keeler was Secretary of the Platonean Society, and Bro. Sinsabaugh President; and Bro. Shaffer Secretary of the Adelphean Society. We were pleased to see Bro. Dwight Harrison, of Phi, the delegate from Indiana to the Inter-State Oratorical Association, on his way to the meeting at Lawrence, Kansas. We were recently favored with visits from Bros. Gans, Redman, Clifford and Lucas, of Beta Zeta; and Bros. Oliver H. Blackledge, '73, and William L. Cavins, '78, of our own chapter. Our Commencement visitors were Prof. Justin N. Study, Mu, '71; the Rev. Dr. Fernandes C. Holliday, '76, the senior member of the Board of Trustees; Curtis P. Smith, '83, who received the degree of M. A.; and W. Boyd Johnson, '85. Bro. Charles W. Mann, of the Class of '88 at West Point, is spending the summer in Greencastle, much to our delight. Prof. Mills, Dean of the School of Fine Arts, is working upon a large and excellent picture of our beloved founder, Prof. Justin N. Study, which is to hang in our chapter hall. We highly appreciate this kindness and generosity on the part of Prof. Mills. The delegates-elect from Beta Beta to the Louisville Convention are Bros. Ira B. Blackstock, of Paxton, Ill., and Ernest R. Keith, of Brazil, Ind. Bro. Horace S. Norton, of Lemont, Ill., will be our S. A. next year.

The Class of '86 graduated thirty-six members, the fraternity representation being as follows:  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 6;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 6;  $\Sigma X$ , 2;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 4;  $\Delta K E$ , 2;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 0;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 3;  $K A \Theta$ , 1;  $K K \Gamma$ , 2. One of the principal attractions of the Commencement season was the magnificent exhibition of the School of Fine Arts under the direction of Prof. Mills. The *Mirage*, the new annual published by the Junior Class, has appeared, and is a very creditable book. The following fraternities have their chapter lists published in it:  $B \Theta \Pi$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Sigma X$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $\Delta T \Delta$ ,  $K A \Theta$ ,  $K K \Gamma$  and  $A X \Omega$ . The  $\Delta K E$  Chapter recently expelled one of her members. Dr. Earp, having been elected President and Professor of Philosophy in the South Kansas College, has resigned his position here. The Board of Trustees at their recent session made the following elections: Joseph Carhart, Professor of Oratory and Rhetoric; James Riley Weaver, Professor of Political Philosophy and Modern Languages; Mrs. Belle A. Mansfield, Professor of History and Registrar; the Rev. John Poucher, Professor of Theology and Treasurer; Oliver P. Jenkins, Professor of Biology. A number of Instructors were also elected. Dr. Post was granted a leave

of absence for two years to study abroad, his position as Librarian and Professor of Latin being supplied *ad interim* by Prof. Longden.

#### Upsilon—Rensselaer.

THE Institute closed the 11th, and but few of Upsilon's boys now remain in town. Bro. Zieley spent Commencement week with us. Bro. Ranney was also with us. Bro. Ranney has a position as assistant engineer on the New Jersey Central Railroad. The concert given by the "R. P. I. Glee Club" was a grand success. Bro. Smith is President and Manager of the club. All the singers were heartily applauded, and everyone agreed it was an evening well spent. The Juniors' hop to the Seniors was the event of the season, the best society of Troy being present in honor to the new graduates. Upsilon was not behind hand in graduating her man, as Bro. Zayas was presented with his diploma as a C. E. At the examination for admission there were a large number of Freshmen present, and the indications are that the Class of '90 will be a very large class. We expect to return with eight men next fall, and our prospects are very encouraging. We expect to be as strong, if not stronger, then than we have ever been before. We expect to have several men of the chapter present at the Louisville Convention, which, we feel already assured, will be a success. We sent copies of our annual, the *Transit*, to the chapters publishing them, and as yet have received only a few exchanges. We hope the different chapters will remember us, as we have files of the different Annuals in our library, and would like to keep them complete if possible.

#### Epsilon—Albion.

OUR year closed with a grand banquet. It being the tenth year in our history, especial effort was made for a decennial reunion. Bro. J. C. Floyd, '76, of Delta, related to us incidents concerning the founding of our chapter, and kindly deposited with us correspondence regarding the same. Bro. Jocelyn gave to us some early reminiscences which greatly brought us to appreciate more fully the condition of our chapter at present. Our reunion and banquet was a grand success. Albion College never had a more successful year or a happier Commencement. One of the successes of the year in the fraternity world is the establishment of a new fraternity in our midst, the "Sigma Chi." The society, which has now assumed the dignity of a fraternity, has

been organized since 1883. We are happy to announce now that "Greek will meet Greek," and  $\Delta T \Delta$  is not alone in Albion College. Bro. L. W. Tharrett is our S. A. for the coming year, and Bro. G. G. Scranton will represent us at the General Convention.

#### Zeta—Adelbert College.

WITH this year Zeta closes the fourth and most prosperous year of her existence. We secured two Freshmen, good loyal Deltas, making our number at the close of the year seven. Of these three graduate,—Waite, Pettibone and Arter,—leaving two Juniors and two Sophomores to manage affairs next year. In the large incoming class we have two men pledged. The Sixtieth Commencement passed off much to the gratification of all concerned, with a great manifestation of enthusiasm on the part of the faculty and alumni. The *Reserve* appeared during Commencement week. While the typographical appearance is good, the matter is no improvement over former issues, the main object being to abuse  $B \Theta II$ , which was very successfully accomplished. If rumors are true (and it seems so), our friends in  $\Delta K E$  are in a very bad way, as three of their members have resigned, and others have been out on forced vacations until their number is reduced to six men.

#### Omicron—Iowa State University.

WITH the close of this term, Omicron bids farewell to four of her loyal sons,—Bros. Love, J. F. Clarke, Rawson and Teeters graduating. Love will either teach school or enter the law, Clarke will study medicine in Philadelphia, Rawson is undecided, and Teeters will become a salesman in a Des Moines wholesale jewelry house. Bros. Hedrick, Hoag, Powell, Read, Howard, C. G. Marquardt, C. D. Morgan, Gibson and Russell, of Omicron, visited us during Commencement. We were glad to see them back, and hope they will favor us again. Bro. Andrews, of Omega, came in during the closing days of Commencement. He is a royal good Delt, and we are sorry he did not come sooner. We gave a banquet and dance to our lady friends and visiting Deltas on the evening of June 19. Bro. Beavis, Unitarian minister in this city, and Bro. McBride, Professor of Botany in the University, with their wives, were with us. After several hours of dancing and social enjoyment, Madame Noel served a sumptuous repast. The banquet was followed by the "flow of wit" usual on such occasions. Bro.

Beavis responded to "Our Fraternity;" Bro. Powell to "Alumni of Delta Tau;" Bro. Williams to "How I got in;" Bro. Read, "Deltas and the Law;" Bro. Lischer, "The Babes;" Bro. Gibson, "Deltas of the Plains;" and Bro. Teeters to "The Ladies." Bro. Howard, of Minneapolis, presided as toast-master. It was agreed by all who had the pleasure of attending, that this was *the* event of Commencement.

### Pi—University of Mississippi.

SINCE writing our last letter, affairs have been progressing as usual, and the ordeal of examinations with all their hard study has been passed through. The wheel of time in its revolutions has brought Commencement once again, with all its pleasures and sorrows; pleasures in having a good time generally, and in the satisfaction of knowing that soon we shall be at home with those who are dearer to us than all things else on earth; and then, again, we are all sorry to leave each other, for our parting may be forever, for who knows which one of us may receive a summons from the dark angel to cross the gloomy river of death ere school begins again.

The University chapel was decorated handsomely, and the general opinion is, that the declamations were better than usual, and the Commencement sermon delivered by Bishop H. M. Thompson, of the Episcopal Church, was something grand, and the music by the choir (special for the occasion) was simply splendid. There were a great many strangers to attend Commencement, and they seemed to enjoy themselves. "The Commencement exercises were better this year than ever before," so say a great many that have attended them regularly for many years.

We have the same number of men as when the last letter was written, and no new initiates. We will only lose one by graduation, and most of the fraters will return; therefore, we expect to do some good work next year. We expected to send a delegate to the Division Convention that was to be held at Sewanee, Tenn., but it was in the midst of our examinations; it was utterly impossible for any of us to get off, although it would have given us great pleasure to have gone. We are glad to hear that the General Convention will be held at Louisville, as it will give all the Southern chapters an excellent opportunity to send delegates. We have received letters of welcome from many Deltas, and it always delights us to hear from a Delta.

**Iota—Michigan State College.**

WE are glad to introduce Bro. Paul Chamberlain, our latest initiate, to the Delta world. On May 15 we held our annual field-day. Olivet and Albion were each represented by large delegations, but yielded in the contests to the prowess of the "Agriculturalists." From Albion, we were happy to meet Bros. Gordon, Scranton, Graham, Masters and Connable. On June 5, over sixty M. S. C. boys participated in the athletic exercises of Albion College. Seven of Iota's men were royally entertained by Epsilon at her chapter house. Bro. Davison will represent our chapter for the next year on our college paper, the *Speculum*. Bro. Bartmen is business manager of the same. Bro. Estabrook, still in Germany, will be with us next term. Our actives are planning for a grand treat during our summer vacation in the shape of a yachting voyage around the lakes, from Port Huron to Chicago. We have already secured the boat, and Bro. Bartmen, of the Mechanical Department, is building the engine. Iota has again resumed the publication of the *Chronicle*. We expect to issue it regularly each term in the future.

## Alumni News.

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### Kappa Prime.

'66. Dr. A. M. Hamilton contributed medical essays to recent numbers of the *New York Medical Journal* and the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*. He is a member of the University Club, New York.

'66. Charles C. Emott is Secretary of the John J. Crooke Co., 186 Grand street, New York, manufacturers of tin foil. He also is a member of the University Club of that city.

'67. Andrew Bryson, until recently Chief Engineer of the Harlem & Hartford Railroad, is now Principal Assistant Engineer of the Kings County Elevated Railway of Brooklyn, with office at 26 Court street. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

'67. John Salisbury is a wholesale dealer in sand and broken stone at Avenue B and 62d street, New York.

'67. John Sanford, of the firm of Stephen Sanford & Sons, carpet manufacturers, whose extensive mills are at Amsterdam, N. Y., is a member of the University Club of New York.

'67. W. W. Van Voorhis is largely interested in the Port Henry Steel and Iron Co. in the northern part of New York State.

### Rho—Stevens.

'76. William Kent, at the recent meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers in Pittsburgh, read two papers: "Recent Failures of Steel Boiler Plates," and "Apparatus for Determining the Heating Power of Different Fuels."

'77. Lewis H. Nash, of the National Meter Co., Brooklyn, recently received a large number of patents on various forms of proportional, oscillating and rotary water meters and methods of operating them; also a number of patents for gas engines and their details. He has received upward of sixty patents in the United States, and a large number of foreign patents.

'80. Willard P. Parsons is Treasurer of the Hoosick Falls Gaslight Co., Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

'81. Charles A. Gifford contributes to "Architectural Studies," Part IV, published by W. T. Comstock, New York, two designs of "A Florida Cottage" and "A Sea-Side Cottage."

'84. John A. BenseL was recently promoted to the position of one of the Assistant Engineers on the New York Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad in the Maintenance of Way Department at Jersey City.

'85. A. G. Glasgow is now at Waterbury, Conn., at the gasworks controlled by the United Gas Improvement Co., of Philadelphia.

## Iota—Michigan State.

'62. Prof. A. J. Cook read a paper on the "Pollen Theory" at the meeting of the National Bee-keepers' Association at Detroit, Mich., December 5.

'74. Henry A. Haight is President of the Michigan Club, at Detroit.

'75. William L. Carpenter is one of the Directors of the Michigan Club, of Detroit.

'77. Albert Dodge, of Fowlerville, Mich., is presiding officer of the State Grand Lodge of Good Templars.

'77. James Albert Porter died on Christmas Day of 1885, at his home at Blissfield, Mich., at the age of thirty-one years. He leaves a wife and child and a wide circle of friends to mourn his loss.

'78. Frank E. Robson was recently married in Detroit.

'78. Rev. Clement J. Strong, since January 1, has charge of the Congregational Church at Charlevoix, Mich.

'79. Roderick B. Norton was married to Miss Mary Beal, of Northville, Mich., on November 27. He resides at Arkansas City, Kansas.

'79. Marion A. Porter is in the furniture business with his father at Northville, Mich.

'85. Edward A. Bartmess is teaching near Lafayette, Ind.

'85. James A. Dart is in his father's law office at Petoskey, Mich.

'85. Thomas H. Rees graduates from West Point this June.

'83. H. W. Collingwood had a poem—"A Story of Fredericksburgh"—in the *New York Sun* of November 14, 1885. He is a frequent contributor of stories to S. S. McClure's "Newspaper Syndicate." He is regularly employed on the editorial staff of the *Rural New Yorker*.

'73. Prof. R. C. Carpenter was elected Secretary of the Engineers' Society of Michigan at its meeting in January.

## Delta—University of Michigan.

'82. Horace C. Alexander, Assistant Engineer of Streets in the Department of City Works of Chicago, recently became a member of the Western Society of Engineers.

## Phi—Hanover.

'78. George M. Peckinpaugh is with Loomis, Hart & Co., furniture manufacturers, Chattanooga, Tenn.

## Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

'71. Rev. W. P. McLaughlin, who was recently transferred from the Ohio Conference to New Orleans, has been elected President of the Ministerial Association of the South.

'85. Rev. A. B. Austin, who has been attending Drew Theological Seminary for the past year, is now occupying the pulpit at Moscow, Ohio.

'84. D. A. Hayes has been compelled, on account of sickness, to give up his studies at Boston School of Theology, and to return to his home in Dayton, Ohio. He expects to pursue his studies again next year.



- '84. H. B. Swartz and D. A. Hayes are attending Boston School of Theology.
- '82. C. E. Jefferson, formerly a student of the Boston Law School, is now attending Boston School of Theology.
- '83. G. P. Austin, Ohio Conference, is stationed at Wellston, Ohio.
- '83. E. E. Cheney is practicing law in Kansas.
- '74. B. F. Dimmick, Cincinnati Conference, is more fortunate than most of ministers. He recently became father to triplets,—three girl babies.
- '82. D. T. Denman is attending Baptist School of Theology, Rochester, N. Y.

#### Beta Beta—DePauw.

- '73. The Hon. Elisha B. Reynolds is the Republican candidate in Wayne County for Representative in the General Assembly of Indiana.
- '86. Married—May 31, 1886, at the home of the bride's parents in Crawfordsville, Ind., by the Rev. John E. Steele, Miss Mary J. Bonnell to Mr. Robert P. A. Berryman, who graduated at Wabash College this year.
- '76. Joseph Crow, Jr., is now a successful lawyer in Bird City, Kansas. When he resigned his position as City Attorney of Greencastle, the Common Council passed resolutions showing their appreciation of his services.
- '82. Married—Wednesday evening, March 31, 1886, at the home of the bride's parents in Crawfordsville, Ind., by the Rev. Dr. Thomson, Miss Maria Elston, daughter of Col. Isaac C. Elston, President of the Elston Bank, to Mr. Dudley H. Jackson, of Brazil, Ind. The bride is a niece of the late Hon. Henry S. Lane, ex-United States Senator and ex-Governor of Indiana, and of Gen. Lew Wallace, ex-Minister to Turkey and the author of "Ben Hur." Mr. Ernest R. Keith (Beta Beta, '90,) was the best man.
- '86. Married—Thursday evening, April 8, 1886, at the home of the bride's parents in Mount Vernon, Ind., by the Rev. Dr. Woods, Miss Sadie P. Edson, daughter of Judge William P. Edson, to Mr. Frank D. Wimmer. Bro. Wimmer has been admitted to practice in the Circuit and Supreme Courts of Indiana, and is now the junior member of the law firm of Edson & Wimmer in Mount Vernon, his father-in-law being the senior member of the firm.

#### Kappa—Hillsdale.

- '69. Will Carleton has a poem entitled, "When My Ship Went Down," in the *Chicago Current* for April 23.
- '71. Hon. A. J. Hopkins' memorial address on the late Reuben Ellwood, M. C., from Illinois, is printed in the *Congressional Record* for January 29, 1886.
- '68. Judge O. A. James delivered the oration at Coldwater, Decoration Day.
- '74. J. W. Simmons, Superintendent of Schools at Dowagiac, is a member of the State Examining Committee for colleges.
- '74. Wesley Sears was, May 20, elected President of the Michigan Association of School Superintendents.
- '76. Chauncey Cook was re-elected Mayor of Hillsdale at the late election. He has discharged the duties of his office with popular acceptance, and the movement seems to be rapidly growing to have him represent his district in the next Legislature.

**Xi—Simpson.**

'80. H. B. Pierce, attorney-at-law, has an extensive practice at Rock Rapids, Iowa. He reports his responsibilities augmented by the recent arrival of a bouncing boy.

'75. Rev. C. H. Burleigh is at present stationed at Cheney, Kansas.

'83. Cards were recently issued for the marriage of Ralph P. Collins, Darlington, Indian Territory.

'80. G. R. C. Read is located at Omaha, Neb., in the practice of his profession—the law.

'77. C. C. Stiffler attends to a lucrative mercantile business in Ogden City, Utah.

'78. L. L. Smullin, charter member of Xi, is telegraph operator at Maple River Junction, Iowa.

'83. H. G. Smith and Miss Rettie Pierce, both of Asbewa, Iowa, were recently married.

**Theta—Bethany.**

'62. Prof. John L. N. Hunt is a member of the Republican County Committee, New York City.

'69. Prof. Charles L. Loos, Superintendent of the High School at Dayton, Ohio, will deliver the Inaugural Address as President of the Superintendents' Section of the Fortieth Annual Convention of the Ohio Teachers' Association at Chautauqua, N. Y., June 29.

'82. J. L. Atkins is practicing law at Lock Haven, Pa.

'82. H. King Pendleton has recently removed from New Albany, Ind., to accept a call from the Hazelwood Church at Pittsburgh, Pa. He is doing a splendid work in Pittsburgh, and is very highly spoken of by those who know him there.

'82. W. G. Garvey holds the Chair of Mathematics at Hopedale College, O.

'77. C. P. Kemper is President of a Young Men's Academy at Cuckoo, Va.

'85. F. P. Arthur has recently accepted a call to the Church of Christ at Angola, Ind.

**Upsilon—Rensselaer.**

A. E. Deal, '82, is still at Scranton, Pa.

Spearman, '84, is situated at Steubenville, O.

Ranney, '85, is at his home in Mohawk, N. Y.

Reynold, '85, is in business in Hoosic Falls, N. Y.

Zeiley, '86, is engaged in business with his father at Canojaharie, N. Y.

Peyana, '87, will return to the Institute from his home, U. S. of Columbia, in August.

Crump, '87, is engaged in business at Dravosburg, Pa.

Carey, '84, is with the Grand Island Banking Co., at Grand Island, Neb.

Judd, '88, is at the San Jose Military School, California.

Finney, '88, is at his home in Memphis, Tenn.

Hebert, '89, is situated at Marietta, Ga.

Martin, '89, is now at New Orleans, La.

## Beta—Ohio University.

'69. William S. Eversole, Superintendent of Public Schools at Wooster, O., read a paper on "The Education of the Conscience," before the recent meeting of the Northeastern Ohio Teachers' Association, which is reprinted in the *Ohio Educational Monthly* for May, 1886.

'66. Joseph F. Lukens took a prominent part in the meeting of the Clermont County Teachers' Association at Batavia, O., on April 10.

'64. Middleton S. Campbell, Principal of the Central High School, Cleveland, Ohio, read a paper on "The Unknown Factor in Education," at the meeting of the Huron and Erie County Teachers' Association at Monroeville, O., April 17.

## Psi—Wooster.

'83. Manola A. Garnell read a paper on "Socrates as a Teacher," at the meeting of the Knox County Teachers' Association at Centerburg, O., April 10.

'83. C. O. Johnson is now in New York City preparing to study law. He lives at 213 Alexander avenue.

'84. J. M. Fulton is preaching at Normal, Ill.

'82. J. A. Gordon, Presbyterian minister, Decatur, Mich.

'82. J. C. Rice, Principal of Glenwood Institute, Matawan, N. J.

'83. D. C. Hanna, Presbyterian minister, Philadelphia, Pa.

'83. A. B. Nicholls, Presbyterian minister, Quincy, Mich.

'83. M. A. Yarnell, Superintendent of Schools, Mt. Vernon, O.

'84. H. M. Kingery, Professor of Ancient Languages, Emporia, Kan., was married to Miss Mary McMillan, June 24. Psi congratulates Hugh, and wishes him an abundance of that success which is sure to be his.

## Alpha—Allegheny.

'84. Ed. E. Hughes was recently admitted to the bar of Venango Co., Pa.

'83. W. B. Best has been admitted to the Crawford Co., Pa., bar.

'86. W. J. Bryan is a bookkeeper at McKeesport, Pa.

'77. L. E. Fuller is now situated at Crete, Neb.

'84. W. A. Pitton is one of the physicians in charge at East Tennessee Insane Hospital, Knoxville.

'85. W. E. Rice is practicing law at Warren, Pa.

'82. Walter McJunkin is in the drug business at Clearfield, Pa.

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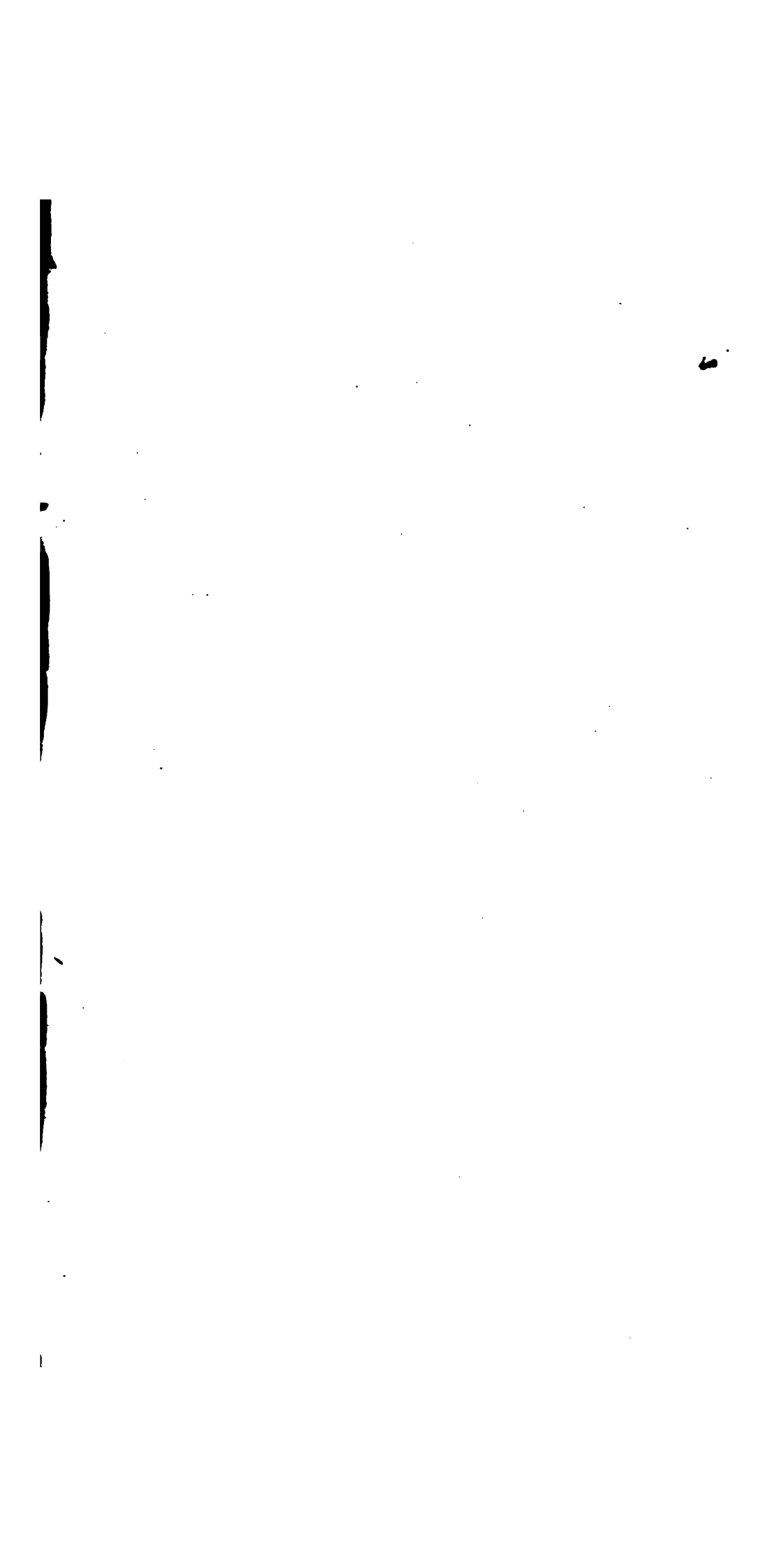
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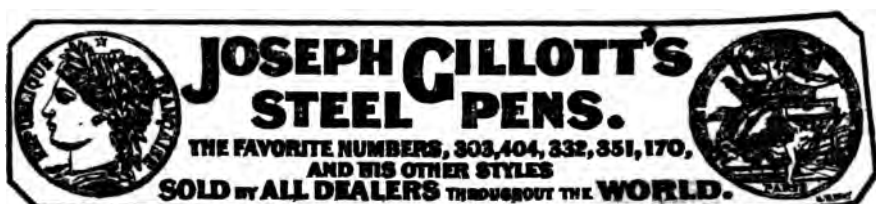
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